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## Chance to cast vote for police force chief

OSWESTRY and Welshpool residents get to vote for a police and crime commissioner for the first time next Thursday.

The new elected posts, introduced by the Government, are intended to give people a greater say in how their local police force operates.

The commissioner will have the power to set policing priorities and can hire and fire chief constables and will be responsible for holding the chief constable and police force to account on the public's behalf.

The role also includes meeting the public to listen to their views on policing, producing a police and crime plan setting out local policing priorities, deciding how the budget will be spent, and appointing and dismissing chief constables.

In the Oswestry area residents can vote for the commissioner who will oversee West Mercia Police while in the Welshpool area the vote will be for Dyfed Powys.

There is a three way contest in West Mercia with voters offered a first and second choice from Adrian Blackshaw (Conservative), Bill Longmore (Independent) and Simon Murphy (Labour).

In Dyfed Powys Christine Gwyther (Labour) and Christopher Salmon (Conservative) go head to head.

## Ben's dad in health scare

THE father of Guilsfield racing driver Ben Power survived a brain scare at Brands Hatch at the weekend.

Ben's father and team manager Nick Power was rushed to hospital after being taken ill at the circuit after sustaining a head injury earlier in the week.

He was released after being diagnosed with concussion.

Ben finished the highest-placed British racer in the final round of the 2012 UK National Legends Car Championship.

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# DELIGHT OVER £9m RAIL LINE PLANS

**AMBITIOUS plans for the £9 million transformation of the Cambrian Heritage Railway were backed yesterday by North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson.**

Bosses of the Oswestry railway unveiled plans to transform the once-thriving line into a major tourist attraction and Mr Paterson was quick to give the scheme his backing.

He recently met volunteers to hear the plans. He said: "This is an excellent project with great potential for tourism and regeneration. The project is the culmination of many years work by the Cambrian Railway Trust and I strongly endorse its aims."

Trustees of the Cambrian Heritage Railways (CHR) have drawn up proposals to create a heritage rail service which will connect Oswestry to the main train line in Gobowen and to Llanymynech in the opposite direction.

The group is now calling on town businesses, the town council and Shropshire Council to back the project, called Gobowen to Blodwell Railway Project, which it hopes will boost the economy and create a 'major tourist attraction' for the area.

It is planned to start building work in April 2015, starting on a link between Oswestry and Gobowen.

Trustees believe the project could help commuters and shoppers as well as attract tourists to the area.

**Attractions**  
Costings are estimated at about £9 million and it is hoped funding will come via grant bodies including the Heritage Lottery Fund, Shropshire Council's Market Town Revitalisation Programme and Local Joint Committees.

Roger Date, vice chairman of Oswestry Station Building Trust and trustee of CHR, and Andrew Tullio, also a trustee of CHR, said they were pleased the project had the backing of Mr Paterson.

Mr Tullio said: "Oswestry is Shropshire's largest market town and one of the UK's largest towns not to be connected to a main-line station."

"Heritage railways have become highly successful tourist attractions and can make a significant contribution to local economies. They help to extend the tourist season encouraging people to support local goods and services."

"This is just the beginning. We want the town council and Shropshire Council and businesses to get behind us with this plan."

Two small stretches of the line have already been restored thanks to volunteers.

A Llynchys train runs along a stretch of track to the recently opened Pen-y-garreg halt while in Oswestry special events see passengers carried on a line a few hundred metres long.

## Raise your glass to a book



Carrie Morris, from Booka, with Shane Parr, from The Stonehouse Brewery, preparing for the beer tasting day on Saturday. Picture: Peter Flemmich

WHAT do you get if you cross an independent book shop with a local brewery? A Book and A Beer Tasting event at Booka Bookshop in Oswestry.

The event on Saturday sees the shop in Church Street teaming up with the local Stonehouse Brewery, promoting a book called *Shakespeare's Local* by Pete Brown.

Owners Carrie and Tim Morris hope people will come along, taste some beer and buy the book as Christmas presents for the men in their lives.

The book tells a history of Britain through the story of the George Inn near London Bridge. It's thought Chaucer and his fellow pilgrims almost certainly drank in the George on their way out of London to Canterbury.

It is also claimed Shakespeare may well have popped in from the nearby Globe for a pint. The pub, as the author points out, is the 'primordial cell of British life' and in the George he has found the perfect case study.

Mrs Morris said: "For us this is a great opportunity to showcase a book by working with another independent business."

"It also seemed an exciting opportunity to do something different in the shop on a Saturday afternoon and extend the idea of Tim's 'Book and a Beer' bookclub which has become very successful."

"We think it will be a great book for Christmas particularly for dads and husbands and also a good opportunity to sample Stonehouse Beer and put an order in for Christmas too."

## Mayor in plea for action on vandalism

THE MAYOR of Oswestry is calling on people to keep their market town tidy after vandals scrawled obscenities in a park.

Councillor Martin Bennett said Shropshire Council's Street Scene worked 365 days a year to keep the county clean but he was saddened that people were still littering and making a mess.

He urged people to 'keep Oswestry in the state you would wish to find it' after vandals wrote black lettering on stonework next to play equipment at the Wilfred Owen Green.

He is now contacting the unitary authority to try and get it removed.

Councillor Bennett said: "It makes me so sad that there are people who will try and undo what we are doing. Street scene works 365 days a year and the street cleaners are out pretty early."

"It is all public money. If people are a little tidier there might be more public money. Keep Oswestry in the state you wish to find it."

Councillor Bennett said if anyone spots mess or graffiti they should report it as soon as they can.

Councillor Simon Jones, Shropshire Council Cabinet member, said: "It's important that people don't drop litter, but we can assure residents that the council's contractors, Ringway, carry out street cleansing in Oswestry town centre throughout the year. It is mechanically swept and litterpicked every day, all year round."

## Talks on free car parking

FREE car parking will be on the agenda when the Welshpool Projects Business Forum meets on March 18.

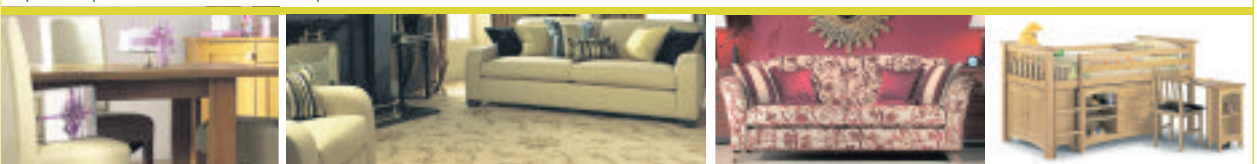
The Town Council-run forum, which is open to Welshpool businesses, will discuss town centre matters including the town plan, Fortas Report and free parking.

A Shop Watch scheme and a new town website will also be discussed.

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# Severn Trent in £10m upgrade programme

by Sue Austin

**SEVERN Trent is to invest £10 million in the Oswestry area in a five year programme which will see mains and sewerage improved and work carried out at a flooding blackspot.**

The plans by the water company including building a new reservoir to store treated water for Oswestry.

The £3.5million four million litre reservoir will be on the site of the old and much smaller, reservoir on Mount Road, and will be used to serve all the town.

A planning application has been submitted to Shropshire Council and if it gets the go-ahead, work on site is expected to start early next year.

David Essex from Severn Trent said a new pumping station would pump water to higher level areas of the town.

Once it is working, the water company will abandon the 70-year-old high level reservoir.

"A new reservoir will provide greater security of supply, improved water quality and allow lower chlorine levels," he said.

He said six water mains renewal projects were due to take place in the next 18 in areas to include Pentre and St Martins, Selatynn and Valeswood.

Still to come is a plan to supply Oswestry with water from boreholes south of Shrewsbury, reducing the unpopular water from the Shelton waterworks to just 10 per cent. This £4.1 million scheme is due to be carried out next year.

Mr Essex said Severn Trent was consulting on its next business plan.

"We are developing our plans for 2015-2020 and beyond. We need to make some choices about what we do, how we protect our infrastructure against climate change and how we keep bills affordable," he said.

## Road builder backs safety call



Former road worker Thomas Casewell from Llynclys.

A FORMER road worker who helped build the Oswestry bypass says more has to be done to improve safety at one of its junctions.

Work begins this month to reduce the speed limit at the Maesbury junction off the A483 from 60mph to 50mph.

The move by the Highways Agency followed numerous accidents at the staggered junction on the Oswestry to Welshpool Road which joins the trunk road with smaller roads leading to the town's industrial estate and the village of Maesbury.

But Mr Tom Casewell, 66, who lives in nearby Pant, said the new speed limit was

not the answer. He worked as a labourer on the road when it was under constructed in 1986 and says traffic levels have increased hugely since then.

"The road signs that are around the junction cause more accidents than anything," he said.

"Cars hit the road signs and then bounce across the carriageway and into other vehicles. If the road signs were moved it would make a real difference."

The retired road worker said safety barriers should also be installed in a central reservation to prevent vehicles veering across into the opposite carriageway.

## Unsung heroes to get pat on the back

A PARISH council is seeking out the unsung heroes in its community.

St Martins Parish Council believes it could be the first parish in the county to run such an initiative. It wants to celebrate people who help others, fundraise, run a club or carry out some other selfless act.

An entry form has been posted online for people to make nominations before December. Once all nominations are collected, residents will be asked to vote in the spring for the person they feel most deserves the title.

Parish Councillor Neil Graham said: "So many people work hard in the community. There have been one or two nominations already."

Karen Roper from Shropshire Association of Local Councils said she hadn't heard of anything like it in Shropshire.

She said: "Parish councils do lots of brilliant things but I can't think of any that have done that."

Download a form from [www.community-online.co.uk](http://www.community-online.co.uk) or get a form from the clerk, Sue Crow, on (01691) 655385 e-mail [clerksmnpc@dsl.com](mailto:clerksmnpc@dsl.com) or visit the St Martins Community Centre.

## Man, 50, denies child sex charges

A 50-YEAR-old man has appeared in court to deny 14 different sexual offences against two young girls.

Charles Stealey stands accused on six different counts of sexual activity with the first girl, who cannot be named for legal reasons, and two charges of indecent assault.

Stealey, from Trefonen, near Oswestry, is also charged with three counts of raping the second girl, who must also remain anonymous, and three charges of sexual activity with a child.

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## £2,500 is needed to upgrade old clock

MORE than £2,500 needs to be spent on updating an historic clock in Ellesmere town centre.

A meeting of Ellesmere Town Council on Monday night heard that the latest service of the clock on the old town hall revealed that parts need to be updated.

The annual check by the English Clock Service (ECS) showed that the mechanics of the clock are very old and it 'could last another 12 months or just one month' according to the contractors.

Councillor Pat McLaughlin said it was important that money was invested in the clock because it was central to the town.

She said: "It is important in the town and people complained when it broke earlier in the year."

"A lot of people use it for the time and the cost of repair should be added to the budget for next year."

But Councillor Ann Hartley, Shropshire councillor for Ellesmere, suggested that the town council applied for funding to cover some of the costs.

"We should apply to the Local Joint Committee for funding," she said.

"They put about £1,000 into the clock in Cockshutt. This is exactly the sort of thing the grant is designed for."

## Play inspired by antique postcard

FOLLOWING a run at Edinburgh Fringe 2011, one woman put *Me, Myself and Miss Gibbs* it to be at Oswestry Library.

The play started with a postcard bought in 2003 for 50p sent to Miss I Gibbs, bearing the message, 'Be careful tomorrow, AC'.

The play can be seen on November 16 at 7pm. Tickets are available from (01691) 677388.

# New move for street stalls to link market with town centre

THE outdoor market in Oswestry could be extended into one of the town's main shopping streets.

Putting stalls into Bailey Street was tried a few years ago but led to controversy, with some market traders claiming unfair competition.

But Oswestry Town Council says it will now take another, long term, look at linking the market with the town centre, down Bailey Street.

It follows a visit to Oswestry by Mr Rob Nixon, a member of the National Association of British Market Authorities, who carried out a health check on both the indoor and outdoor markets.

by Graham Breeze

## 'Idiotic' driver is banned after causing crash

A MAN who caused a head-on crash in Pool Quay has been banned from driving for a year after admitting driving like an 'idiot'.

Kyle Ogburn, 22, had been working through the night on October 10 and was rushing to get home when he overtook a lorry and collided with a Peugeot car on the A483 near Welshpool.

Ogburn admitted a charge of dangerous driving at Welshpool Magistrates Court on Tuesday. In addition to the driving ban he was ordered to do 250 hours of unpaid work and pay £85 costs and £60 victim surcharge.

The court heard that at 7am on the day of the crash Ogburn, of Balmoral Road, Widnes, Cheshire, had been working through the night on the road for the Highways Agency when he came up behind a lorry.

Mrs Helen Tench, prosecuting, said: "The defendant was driving a Ford Transit Tipper van and he began overtaking a lorry on a bend. Coming around the bend was a Peugeot car with three males inside."

"The force of the impact caused the Peugeot to spin 180 degrees and the driver suffered a sore chest and neck, a back seat passenger a sore chest and the front seat passenger suffered a broken femur which required a five-hour operation."

Mrs Tench said that in interview Ogburn said he thought the road was straight and was in a rush to get home having been working since 5pm the previous day.

Mr Huw Williams, for Ogburn, said his client had described his driving in police interview as 'stupid' and 'idiotic' and that he had made a poor judgement.

He highlighted the location of the outdoor market but made it clear that separating the outdoor market from the indoor would have disastrous consequences.

Mr Nixon suggested putting some stalls into Bailey Street, which leads up to the Bailey Head, the site of the market for hundreds of years.

Markets manager Mr David Clough said the idea would be looked at by a special town council task group. But he stressed it would be part of a long term idea.

## Challenging

"The proposal of extending the market down Bailey Street is both challenging and exciting. Previously it was done through Shropshire Council consent rights but proved to have an adverse effect on the rest of the market as it was not strategically planned."

"There is the option of extending our market rights so they include Bailey Street. This would provide the town council with the full management of the extension and would mean we would be able to decide rental tariffs and who would be in this area."

"There would have to be the usual consultation but this proposal certainly makes commercial sense in helping to draw visitors towards the market hub at the top of Bailey Street, whilst not being detrimental to it."

"This would also be in line with the recent findings within the national Portas report in making high streets vibrant."

Mr Clough said the task force would also investigate the cost and viability of installing canopies over the front entrances to the Powis Hall indoor market, another suggestion from Mr Nixon.

## Casino night in town

LAS Vegas is coming to Welshpool with The Royal Oak Hotel staging a casino night alongside a Frank Sinatra tribute act.

Tickets for the event which takes place on Saturday, November 17, are on sale at £30 to include an arrival drink, buffet style dinner and betting chips. Tickets from Royal Oak reception or by calling 01938 552217.

## Calendar Girls taking to stage



Members of Guilsfield Amateur Dramatic Society.

THE brave members of Guilsfield Amateur Dramatic Society are putting the final touches to their six-night run of the *Calendar Girls*.

The ladies will be peeling off for the award-winning production, which follows the fortunes of a group of Women's Institute members in Yorkshire who stripped off for a charity calendar.

The film became a box office smash and for this year only, Tim Firth's stage version is being rolled out across the UK. And Guilsfield is one of the group's brave enough to take it on.

Production spokesperson Mal Graham said: "The girls have thrown themselves into this with gusto and it will be a fantastic night out. Bag your tickets soon."

*Calendar Girls* will be shown on November 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 and December 1. Tickets are available from Welshpool Jewellers, Sue on 01938 590312 and Liz on 01938 553379. They are priced £7.50, concessions £6.50 and Under-15s £5.

## NEWS in brief

### Students get set for fashion show

STUDENTS and staff from the Visage Hair and Beauty Salon of Walford and North Shropshire College are busy rehearsing for their fashion show.

The show, which will take place on Tuesday, in the theatre of the Oswestry Campus, is an annual event, organised by the salon to showcase the talent of the students and raise money for charity.

This year the Level 3 students and their models will be designing and producing creations in keeping with the themes of the Queen's Garden Party and Celebrations from Around the World.

Tickets cost £5 and can be obtained by calling into the reception at the Oswestry Campus.

For more information about hair and beauty courses at the college visit the website at [www.unsc.ac.uk](http://www.unsc.ac.uk) or telephone (01691) 688000.

### Man, 24, denies wounding charge

A 24-year-old man from Llanymynech appeared at crown court to deny wounding another man with intent.

Peter Francis Hilditch, of Park Hafod, pleaded not guilty to grievous bodily harm against Robert Dexter on February 1 this year.

He appeared at Shrewsbury Crown Court yesterday, where Judge Peter Barrie bailed him for a trial date to be fixed.

### City trip offer for pianist's recital

A PIANO teacher from Oswestry is organising a music trip to Birmingham.

Hayden Jones, from Llwyn Road, is offering transport for people in the town to see Evgeny Kissin give a piano recital on November 15.

For more information call (01691) 658414.

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# Woodland future under spotlight

**THE future of woodland in Oswestry has come under the spotlight as the town mayor seeks ideas on how to improve it.**

Councillor Martin Bennett will be swapping his monthly drop-in session at Oswestry Library for a walkabout event at Henley Woods on Saturday.

He wants to talk to nearby residents about how they would like to see the area, and the meadowland, looked after.

He also wants help create a more hands on approach for members of the community who are keen to help out.

**by Chrissy Symmons**

In March this year residents took part in a clean-up event in the woods where they spent a couple of hours collecting rubbish and debris.

Councillor Bennett said there were ideas to develop the area which could include creating a path to make it easier for prams, pushchairs and wheelchair users to walk through the woods.

Other plans include planting hundreds of bulbs and wildflowers to create colour in the spring and summer.

### Developed

Councillor Bennett said: "I am keen for people in this area to have a say in how this huge area of amenity land is managed and developed in the future; after all, they are the ones who will be using it."

"We kicked a few dates around and November 10 was the first time we could get all the Shropshire Council officers who have a responsibility for the area together."

More than 300 separate invitations have been sent out to residents in Henley Drive, Ascot Road and Cabin Lane.

Councillor Bennett is hoping for a good turnout and good weather on Saturday.

"A good bright sunny day will be better for a walk in the woods," he said. "Even if it will be too cold for a teddy bears picnic."

Councillor Bill Benyon welcomed his colleague's initiative and said he would hold the drop-in session solo at the library from 10am-noon.

## Heart attack victim's thanks

A MAN from Shropshire who survived a heart attack after receiving swift treatment from local volunteers has thanked those involved for help to save his life.

Steve West-Wynn, 59, who lives near Oswestry, suffered a heart attack during a meeting of the Masons in Market Drayton in January 2006.

With an ambulance crew en-route, the first to attend were volunteer lifesavers Tony Hobbs, chairman of the North Shropshire Community First Responder Scheme, and Carl Smith.

Mr West-Wynn, who is Worshipful Master of Clive Lodge based in Market Drayton, said: "I started to feel a bit peaky. I told a colleague I wasn't feeling well and needed to go out. Then I felt a tingling in my fingers and feet. The others thought I didn't look the right colour, took me out and one called 999."

"Within a couple of minutes Tony and his colleague were there," Mr West-Wynn has since donated to the First Responders

## Group gives repair funding



James Potter, right, Managing Director of the Potter Group, is thanked for his support for Leighton Church by Church Warden, John Markwick.

VITAL improvements to Leighton's historic church have received a financial boost thanks to the new owners of the Leighton Farm Estate.

The Potter Group purchased the historic estate just over 12 months ago and have now handed over a 'substantial' sum of money to help restoration work at Holy Trinity Church.

Leighton Hall was built in 1851 for John Naylor who went on to build the large working farm and the church for the local community in 1853.

Recently church wardens have identified improvement requirements to the Grade 2 listed building, including major repair works to the roof of the north aisle.

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# Young musician named best rising star at jazz awards



Jamie Brownfield, 20, of Llanrhaeadr, near Oswestry.

**YOUNG trumpeter Jamie Brownfield has been named the best rising star at the British Jazz Awards.**

Jamie, 20, from Llanrhaeadr, near Oswestry, is carving out a name for himself in the world of jazz.

His band, the Brownfield Byrne Quintet, also featured in the 'Jazz Oscars', taking fifth place in the small band category.

The musician said he was delighted with the honour and thanked everyone who voted for him.

The four nominations in each of the categories are decided by votes from the 20 strong nomination panel, the winners are selected by public vote with this year nearly 4,000 jazz fans nationwide participating.

The Rising Star category, for which the nominees have to be less than 26, is awarded to a young talent likely to take their place amongst the upper echelons of the British jazz scene in years to come.

Jamie has already established himself in the country's jazz scene after more than a decade of performing.

"I started playing the cornet at primary school. I'd heard traditional jazz on tapes in the car with my nan and grandad from an early age, so I think it was inevitable it would come through at some point.

"When I was 12 or 13 my parents took me to my first jazz jam in Bishop's Castle where I met some great musicians who did nothing but encourage me and about a year after I started attending their monthly sessions I was asked to get a band together for the Bishop's Castle Jazz Festival. I managed to get a group of musicians together and called the band the JB Quintet — so I got my first paid gig at 13."

He said one of the highlights of the Jazz Awards ceremony at the Concorde Club, Eastleigh, Southampton, was playing a 90 minute performance with the other winners including Alan Barnes, Karen Sharp and David Newton.

by Graham Breeze

## Group lining up panto fun

OSWESTRY Musical Theatre Company is rehearsing for its next production.

It's pantomime fun again — oh yes it is — and this year the group's performing Aladdin.

The show will be at The Marches School when there will be shows at 7.30pm on November 30 and December 1 and matinees at 2.30pm on December 1 and 2.

The creative team of Malcolm Brown, musical director, assisted by Cynthia Davidson and directors Janet Williams and Mark Lord, has been at work for many months and all are certain they have a great blend of songs that the audience will be able to sing along with.

Tickets are priced at £10 for adults and £8 for children 15 and under. There is also an extra concession of a free ticket in every booking of 10 seats or more to cater for groups.

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in brief

**Hit-man theme movie on at hall**

THE Baker will be the next film to be shown at Trefonen Village Hall on Saturday.

The film tells of Milo, a professional hit-man living on the edge, who hides out in a remote rural village where the locals mistake him for the new baker.

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The film starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £4 for adults and £2.50 for children. Refreshments will be available with a licensed bar.

To book tickets telephone (01691) 657011.

**Stall to raise cash for animal society**

A FUNDRAISING stall in aid of the World Society for the Protection of Animals will be part of Oswestry's late night shopping event on December 7.

The stall, on the Bailey Head, will be staffed by April Harris, who has been raising money for the charity for about three years.

It will be open from 6pm.

**Date for dancing**

A DANCE will be held in Whittington Community Centre near Oswestry on December 14. Tickets are £10. Call (01691) 659566.

# Festive fun to hit the streets

**THOUSANDS of people are expected to line the streets of Oswestry to watch the annual Christmas parade.**

Bands, floats and walkers will be marching through the centre of Oswestry for the event which will take place on December 1 from 11am.

It will help to mark the start of the seasonal festivities in the town and keep Oswestry on the map. The event has been organised by The Borderland Rotary Club, which aims to make it bigger and bigger each year.

A number of organisations have already signed up to take part this year and the Borderland Club is calling on more clubs, charities and businesses to get involved.

Jonathan Jones, from the club, said each year the club tried to make the event bigger.

He said: "It is a great way to mark the beginning of Christmas."

"The Christmas parade is for people to come and watch and have some fun. We hold it just for the joy of it."

"We need the parade to keep Oswestry on the map and it helps to boost spirits."

Mr Jones said the event was marshalled by 46 volunteers from the Rotary Club.

The route of the parade starts from the top of Victoria Road before travelling along Church Street to The Cross. There the parade splits, with walkers, bands and the smaller floats continuing along Cross Street and longer articulated floats which cannot negotiate the tight corners diverted up Willow Street and along Castle Street.

The two groups then join up again at the junction with Beatrice Street and Castle Street before going along the one-way system back to Cross Street, Church Street and returning to Victoria Street.

After the parade, Father Christmas will be able to meet all his little admirers in his grotto at The Willow Gallery, Willow Street.

To enter a float this year, e-mail [jonathan.jones5@virgin.net](mailto:jonathan.jones5@virgin.net) or call 07919 403355. Alternatively go to [www.borderlandrotary.co.uk](http://www.borderlandrotary.co.uk) and find the downloadable or on-line entry form.

"Any car that is not familiar to residents and appears to be 'hanging around' should be reported to police so it can be checked out," said the spokesperson.

Police have investigated six burglaries in the past few days, where garden sheds have been broken into, and in several instances, expensive power tools stolen.

A West Mercia Police spokesperson said: "We want local people to be aware of what's happening and to do everything possible to tighten up on security."

"Most of the sheds were locked and their doors were forced open, but in several cases doors had been left unlocked."

Police are advising the public to be vigilant and to report any suspicious people or vehicles by dialling 101.

"We need the parade to keep Oswestry on the map and it helps to boost spirits."

## Kittens found in cardboard box



Wilhelmina Burrows, from Llansantffraid, with the two kittens that were found abandoned on Shelf Bank in Oswestry. Picture: Simon Williams.

THESE two kittens were found abandoned in a cardboard box on an Oswestry hill shivering and cold.

But thanks to a compassionate passer-by they are now warm and cosy in the home of Wilhelmina Burrows, who fosters cats on behalf of Shropshire Cat Rescue, in Llansantffraid.

The two three-month-old kittens were found in the box with one tin of food. A resident was walking in Shelf Bank, a hill near the town centre, when he heard them meowing.

Mrs Burrows said: "It was pretty abysmal. They are lovely, friendly kittens. It is absolutely unbelievable."

"It is quite isolated on Shelf bank and not many people go there at night. He is a thoughtful man. He was taking a short cut to his mother's home."

"It was teeming down with rain. The young man said it took hours before the kittens stopped shivering. They must have been out there for several hours."

"It was sheer luck he was there when he was."

## Company expands its homes sales site

A LEADING Shropshire-based firm of auctioneers, estate agents, chartered surveyors and valuers is expanding its residential property office in Ellesmere due to growing demand for its range of services.

Halls is in the process of extending into premises next door on The Square to more than double the office space.

The residential sales team will move into the extended office, leaving lettings manager Gemma Smart with more space to further expand her department in the existing office.

Halls now has a team of six staff at Ellesmere, managed by director Allen Gittins and residential director Jon Quinn.

"Halls has established a successful residential sales office in Ellesmere over many years and has recently expanded the lettings team with the appointment of manager Gemma Smart," explained Mr Quinn.

"Due to the rapid growth of the lettings department, we have now got to the stage where we have outgrown the office. The opportunity has arisen to expand into the adjoining premises, which will more than double our office space, provide more room to display properties and enable us to further improve customer service in both sales and lettings."



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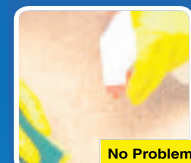
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## NEWS

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# Briony is leading light in town's torch procession

## Minor injuries unit open at health village



Briony Johnson prepares to lead the parade.



The streets of Oswestry were packed for Saturday night's torchlight procession.

**OLYMPIC torchbearer and gold medal winner in her own sport Briony Johnson, used her torch lead Oswestry's Torchlight Procession on Saturday and then to light the community fireworks bonfire.**

Briony, 22, a Special Olympics Great Britain badminton champion, led the Borderland Rotary Club procession on its way to the Treble Niners annual bonfire and fireworks display at Brogyntyn Park in Mount Road.

The occasion gave the gold medal winner the chance to carry her torch through the streets of her home town. When the torch made its way across Britain before the London 2012 Olympic Games Briony was chosen as a torch bearer but had to complete her let in the town of Haverfordwest.

### Honour

It was the latest honour for the young woman who says playing badminton in the Special Olympics for those with learning disabilities has made a huge impact on her life.

"I had a go at lots of different sports but I like badminton best."

She won a gold in the doubles and a bronze in the singles at the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens in 2011.

Borderland Rotarians made 250 torches

### by Graham Breeze

and all were sold and close to 1,000 people were in the parade and on the streets.

Organiser Mike Lade of Borderland Rotary said: "Each year we get more people in the parade and it certainly seems to capture the imagination."

"We are very grateful to Richard Burbidge for the supply of the torch sticks."

The Treble Niners group was set up by retained and retired firefighters over a decade ago to run a community bonfire in Oswestry.

Firefighters said they wanted to set up a community event to people from having bonfire parties in their own gardens.

Each year the event raises thousands of pounds that is shared between local charities and good causes and the Firefighters' Benevolent Association.

THE LAST major service has opened to the public in the new multi-million pound health village in Oswestry.

Oswestry Health Centre is part of the former Cambrian buildings, off Gobowen Road, and already offers services like X-ray and dentistry. The Minor Injury Unit has now moved into the converted listed building.

Mathew James, a spokesperson for the centre, said people were already taking advantage of the service on the first day.

He said having an MIU in Oswestry meant people in the town and the surrounding areas would not have to travel to an A&E service further away.

The unit deals with injuries including cuts and lacerations, sprains and bruises, bites, wound infections, foreign bodies in the eyes nose and ears, some head injuries, some fractures, burns and scalds. It is a walk-in service.

Mr James said: "It is in and open people are encouraged to make use of it if they need it."

"It is fantastic and is a service I am really proud of. I went down there first thing on Thursday and they were already seeing people."

Mr James said as the weather got colder there was more risk of people having trips and falls so now they could get help locally.

The unit will be open from 8.30am-6pm Monday to Friday, and 8.30am-1pm at weekends. X-ray services are available from 10am-2pm Monday to Friday.

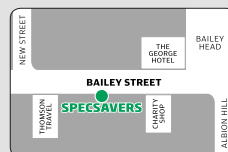
When the MIU is closed, medical cover will be provided on 08444 06 88 88 but people with chest pains, difficulty breathing or faces a life-threatening situation should call for an ambulance on 999.

The health village is in a restored historic, listed building and has a GP surgery, a minor injuries unit, X-ray unit, dentistry and other services. It was officially opened to the public about 18 months ago.



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## Scheme to give arts projects a major boost

A NEW scheme to give a major boost to arts projects in Mid Wales has been launched by Powys County Council.

The council has announced it will run a series of arts-focused training courses under the banner Skills for Creative Futures over the coming months.

Any volunteer, youth worker, professional or semi-professional arts practitioner who work with children and young people through the arts in Powys is eligible to take part.

From now until March the programme features 10 different courses, most taking place in Llandrindod Wells, which aim to

strengthen the arts in the county. For those involved in youth theatres, a number of highly prestigious and nationally renowned companies are being brought in to deliver training.

In January 2013, Bamboozle will be bringing their 'Working with Children and Young People who have Special Needs' into Powys, closely followed by 'The Pursuit of Pleasure - Writing and Devising for Theatre' with Told by an Idiot Theatre Company in February.

For YFCs and youth groups working to a tight budget, 'Designing a Set on the Cheap!' promises to show what can be achieved.

## More than 2,000 visit exhibitions

MORE than 2,000 people visited exhibitions held by the Oswestry and District Society of Artist over the last 12 months.

The events were held in Oswestry and at Chirk Castle, where the society made a contribution of £250 towards projects at the castle thanks to sales from the exhibition.

The figure was revealed by society president, Christine Brown. She said society funds had been helped by the sale of art materials, donated to the society by the family of the late Mr Dick Hughes.

Because of rising costs membership fees for the society for 2013 will be £20.



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# Money must be found £9m rail link-up scheme

IT might cost £9 million, it might even cost £30 million, but you can be sure of one thing plans to link Oswestry to the national rail network again must go ahead.

Enthusiasts of the Cambrian Heritage Railway this week revealed £9 million plans to transform the once-thriving line into a tourist attraction as the next stage of their vision to get trains running between the town and Gobowen again.

When Richard Beeching was given a brief as chairman of the British Transport Commission it was simple: Make the railways pay. British Rail was losing £140 million a year when Dr Beeching took over the commission. His solution, announced on March 27, 1963, was equally straightforward – massive cuts.

**BREEZE  
ABOUT  
TOWN**

with Graham Breeze



Opposition from pressure groups failed and during the 1960s "Beeching's Axe" fell on 2,128 stations – including Oswestry – and more than 67,000 British Rail jobs.

Trustees of the Cambrian Heritage Railway have drawn up plans to create a heritage rail service connecting Oswestry to the main line in Gobowen and to Llanymynech in the opposite direction.

The group is now calling on town busi-

nesses, the town council and Shropshire Council to back the project, called Gobowen to Blodwell Railway Project.

Oswestry remains one of the biggest towns in the UK without a railway platform and the money just has to be found to put Oswestry back on track.

MP Owen Paterson has given the plans his blessing and it's to be hoped he will have the influence in Westminster to help find the cash to make this dream a reality.

THE country gets the chance to vote for police and crime commissioners next Thursday in what promises the biggest damp squib of an election ever seen.

I haven't spoken to a single person this week who intends turning out to vote.

The Electoral Reform Society has warned that the turnout for the £75 million policing

elections could fall to as little as 18 per cent – the lowest in British polling history.

One recent Ipsos Mori poll suggested turnout could even fall to 15 per cent for the elections being held in the 41 police force areas in England and Wales outside London.

When Home Secretary Theresa May was asked how this could amount to a democratic mandate, she said: "I never set a turnout threshold for any election and I'm not going to do it now. The people elected as police commissioners will have something that the current police authorities do not have, which is a democratic mandate."

Well excuse me Home Secretary I hardly call less than 15 per cent a democratic mandate. Yes getting rid of police authorities is probably the right decision but electing commissioners in this method is certainly not.

# Cutting-edge helicopter at the ready to save lives



Back, from left, paramedic, Ben Seabourne, pilots Pete Tomkins and Martin Darlington, engineer Scott Goodall and paramedic Karen Davies. Front, from left, Neil Lewis, Rhodri Thomas, Jason Williams and Gareth Williams, all paramedics. Pictures: Ian Sheppard



The helicopter flying over Powis Castle.



Paramedics carry out a demonstration. Karen Davies takes the part of the patient with, from left, Ben Seabourne, Gareth Williams and Rhodri Thomas.



Pilot Pete Tomkins at the controls.

**TIME IS vital when it comes to saving lives in rural areas like Mid Wales where the nearest hospitals can be hours away by road.**

But things are set to change for the better thanks to a new-generation air ambulance which started service in Welshpool last Friday, shaving vital minutes off journeys to major trauma centres in the West Midlands and further afield.

The Wales Air Ambulance (WAA) charity had to raise a further £600,000 to secure the helicopter this year, smashing the £6 million fundraising barrier for the first time ever.

The new helicopter, which will operate from Mid Wales Airport in Welshpool supersedes the charity's 20 year-old model to

become one of the most cutting-edge operations in the UK.

It is the third and final of WAA's helicopters to be upgraded, after two successful campaigns to replace aircraft at its Swansea and Caernarfon bases.

The upgrade from a three-seater plus a patient Bolkow-105 to a five-seater and patient Eurocopter-135 comes after months of fundraising to generate the extra £600,000 for the purpose-built aircraft.

'Leap into Action' was WAA's nationwide campaign for 2012, appealing to supporters to act now to help replace the charity's aged helicopter before it was decommissioned by the Civil Aviation Authority.

Supporters rallied across Wales for the appeal, including a 200-mile trek by opera star Rhys Meirion. The Welsh tenor was joined by a host of celebrities such as X Factor singer Lucie Jones and television host Josie D'Arby for Cerdwyn Ymlaen – Walk On, which saw them walk to all three airbases, raising over £60,000.

The largest single donation for the Welshpool-based helicopter came from the estate of the late Harry Boden, of Welshpool builders' merchant Boys & Boden Ltd.

The £250,000 legacy was a massive contribution to the upgrade, which has enabled the new air ambulance to be fitted with additional equipment, such as radar technology for adverse weather conditions – meaning missions can be reached regardless

of weather patterns. The cost of buying a helicopter of this kind would be around £2.5 million, but the charity leases them to make it easier to replace if any faults are detected.

As I took to the skies of Powys with paramedic Jason Williams, who is based at Welshpool, he told me how the new helicopter will have a major impact on his day job.

"It is absolutely phenomenal that we have managed to get this air ambulance in Mid Wales and it will make a seriously big impact on our jobs every day," he said.

"At the moment the current helicopter is very good, but this new model is the best in the business – there is no better one out there at the moment and the new equipment on board will be vital in helping patients."

## I DO NOT KNOW WHO KNOCKED ME DOWN?

**Q:** I have recently left hospital after suffering severe injuries following a hit and run accident. Approximately 1 month ago I was walking home from a night out when I was knocked over by a vehicle. I was knocked unconscious and can remember very little about the incident. I certainly don't remember what type of vehicle hit me, neither could I identify the driver if asked. The subsequent police investigation has not been able to find the vehicle, the driver involved, or any witnesses to the accident. I have suffered serious head injuries and a broken femur and pelvis. Is there any way that I can pursue a claim?

**A:** If no driver can be identified the Motor Insurers Bureau (MIB) can be asked to investigate the claim and compensation can be paid by the MIB if they feel that there is a valid claim. There is an agreement known as the Untraced Drivers Agreement 2003 (UDA) that covers such cases. There is an application form that needs to be completed and sent the MIB. The investigation will need to conclude that the driver in question had been negligent in causing your injuries for any compensation to be paid.

The UDA states that the accident needs to be reported to the police within 14 days of the accident for injuries to the person and within 5 days for damage to property. The application needs to be made within 3 years of the date of the accident for injuries to the person and within 9 months for damage to property (there are longer time limits but these will not apply in your case). A local solicitor will be able to assist you with the completion of the application form and get your application to the MIB lodged as quickly as possible.

Further information relating to this question is available from John Hulme, a Partner with GHP Legal. For information relating to any other legal matter please call GHP Legal on 01691 659194, visit [www.ghplegal.co.uk](http://www.ghplegal.co.uk) or attend one of our FREE legal diagnostic clinics every Wednesday 12-3pm (no appointment necessary).



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## LETTERS

## NZ dairy farmers set good example

I AM a New Zealand dairy farmer who spent a couple of years working on farms in the UK 10 years ago.

I read that James Thompson of the Sansaw Estate, in Hadnall, near Wem, is looking to replicate the New Zealand system of dairy farming in order to compete in global dairy markets.

I am surprised more UK farmers haven't adopted a more pasture-based diet for their cows. The weather that we get in NZ is not that much different than the UK.

Once you start putting cows in barns, bringing the food to them and removing the effluent it is a massive part of your day and costs.

For nine months of the year our cows head off to their paddock of grass after the morning milking and I fetch them in the afternoon.

In the remaining winter months they are not milking but still outside and supplemented with fodder crops and grass silage in preparation for spring calving.

A lot of emphasis is put on pasture management and getting the paddock rotation speed correct. We can produce a kilogramme of milk solids for \$3 and we have currently have a reduced forecast milk price.

KYLE BRENNAN

Reporoa

New Zealand

## A sickening sight at the Cenotaph

THE time of year is coming around to remember those very brave men and woman who fought to keep this country from falling into enemy hands.

What will repulse me the most on that day will be seeing the likes of David Cameron, Tony Blair and the other ex-Prime Ministers at the Cenotaph.

What Hitler could not do our politicians have done without firing a shot! This was achieved through acts of treason, allowing our sovereignty to fall into the hands of the European Union.

It is a violation of the 1351 Treason Act and the Bill of Rights Act 1689. Every Government since then has compounded this treason. The hypocrisy of seeing them lay wreaths will be sickening.

NIGEL ALLEN

Via email

## Beware of our grasping politicians

STEVE Parker, of the Shropshire Green Party, writes a lucid and informative letter regarding housing benefit and its cost to our economy.

One of his ideas is to cap the amount that landlords charge in rent. It is worth thinking about.

I remind you that the councils whose tenants are claiming housing benefit are only entitled to 50 per cent of the amount claimed while the landlords of

private tenants are allowed the full 100 per cent – it is a grossly unfair and undemocratic situation.

I would like to also remind you that these rules are made by MPs and that if you consider what percentage of our 646 MPs in Westminster today rent out property – it's a moneymaking scam designed by MPs for MPs.

You may remember that when he was Prime Minister, Tony Blair

wanted to remove the anomaly between council and private tenants – he was forced to back down.

Instead of looking to the pathetic benefits cheat to vent your anger upon, look instead at the grasping politicians and the wondrous ways they have devised to empty our pockets and fill their own.

BOB WYDELL  
Oswestry



A RELIANT three-wheeler negotiates the level crossing at Whittington on January 21, 1968. At the time of this picture there was a debate in the village over proposals to replace the level crossing with a "continental-type automatic crossing".

## Vaccine is the way to treat TB issue

K J Glover's characterisation of those opposing the badger cull as 'bunny huggers' would, I'm sure, be greeted with derisive laughter by the prominent scientists who oppose the cull on the grounds of its ineffectiveness.

A pilot cull in 2007, costing £50 million, concluded that culling wouldn't work.

Bovine TB fell by 23 per cent in the pilot area, but rose by 24 per cent outside the test area, as badgers moved on.

DEFRA has concluded that, given a hypothetical 150 square kilometre area, a four-year long cull could reduce the number of TB outbreaks by up to 16 per cent after nine years, reducing the number of infected herds from 292 to 55.

It is entirely false to suggest that the cull could eradicate, or even significantly reduce, bovine TB.

The data shows that only 14 per cent of badgers have bTB.

Even if it takes a little longer, vaccination will still prove more effective than culling.

STEVE PARKER  
Shropshire Green Party

## PM's role in service is indefensible

DAVID Cameron's arrogant hypocrisy laying a wreath on Remembrance Day to honour the fallen who sacrificed their lives for their country, is indefensible.

From his political trail, he does not care for the hundreds of thousands of British men and women who gave everything for our country that we should live in peace, truth, fairness and justice.

His headlong, deliberate destruction of the very things those lives were sacrificed for, is breathtaking.

He sends countless young men and women to their death in the Middle East in our name when we all know those wars are illegal and of no defence of Britain.

He has no justification at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Day.

He should respect their sacrifice and all they fought for, by remaining absent from the ceremony.

REX POULTON  
via email

## Bacteria in sludge may spread TB

IN a recent discussion about bovine TB, my husband expressed serious concern about the current farming practice of spreading human sewage widely over fields and grassland.

This sewage, so we understand, has been heat treated, but bacteria can and do survive and become resistant to our strategies for killing them, and the TB bacillus is a stubborn survivor.

What chemicals, bacteria and viruses survive in this sludge – is it regularly tested before it is applied to fields?

One wonders if human medicines, traces of antibiotics and steroids become concentrated in the sludge which is spread over fields on to which cows may be put out to pasture.

J MCCARTHY  
Oswestry

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## Good luck with the attitude changing

REGENERIS Consulting has been commissioned by RenewableUK Cymru (i.e. wind power station developers) and supported by the Welsh Government (i.e. you and me) to find a more acceptable angle of the 'potential impact' of onshore wind power stations on the Welsh economy.

Dr David Clubb, the RenewableUK director, said quite correctly that wind power stations are creating 'impressive benefits'. Yes, they are... for their developers.

Dr Clubb wants to change the image of RenewableUK-Cymru into one that can solve problems on 'both sides'... the industry, the local authorities and communities (I make that a triangle), and is determined to change public attitudes to 'something far more positive'. May I wish him luck in his endeavours to change my attitude.

OILI HEDMAN, Newtown

## Warning to voters over police poll

THERE are only a few days to go until the first Police and Crime Commissioner elections take place in West Mercia.

We all value our democratic process, which is why I wanted to remind our readers to take care of their vote ahead of these new polls on Thursday 15 November. It is particularly important for those voting by post to fill in their ballot papers privately and return them as soon as possible.

In the run-up to this election, my staff and I, the police and the Electoral Commission have been working to prevent any cases of electoral fraud, and any evidence of it should be reported to the police.

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**Tickets on sale for matinee gigs**

TICKETS have gone on sale for the next in a series of afternoon matinee concerts at Welshpool Town Hall.

Christmas with The Siren Sisters is a 1940s nostalgia show and will take place on Friday, December 21 at 2pm, with doors open at 1.30pm.

Tickets are £6 each, with concessions at £4, and can be purchased in advance from: Welshpool Jewellers, Flaunt It, in Cumberland Place, Welshpool and the Tourist Information Centre at Mile End, Oswestry. For details visit [www.whatsonwelshpool.blogspot.com](http://www.whatsonwelshpool.blogspot.com)

**Fireworks hailed a huge success**

SATURDAY night's fireworks bonanza at Maesdre has been hailed as a success by the town council. Almost £1,000 was raised towards its costs through donations.

The council said that around 2,000 people braved the cold to attend.

"The event cost around £3,750 to put on and donations received amounted to just under £1,000 so many thanks to everyone who contributed," said clerk Robert Robinson.

**Adam to meet WI**

BBC Countryfile presenter Adam Henson will speak at today's (Thursday) Powys Montgomeryshire Federation of WIs' meeting in Welshpool Town Hall.

# Training provider wins top prize in a national contest

**A BUSINESS with a clear mission to be the best work-based learning provider in Wales has won a prestigious national award.**

Cambrian Training Company, based in Welshpool, was judged the Apprenticeship Provider of the Year at the Apprenticeship Awards, organised by the Welsh Government in partnership with the National Training Federation for Wales (NTFW).

The Apprenticeship Cymru recognise the outstanding achievements of learners, employers and providers involved in the delivery of quality Apprenticeships across Wales. Apprenticeship and Traineeship programmes in Wales are part funded by the European Social Fund through the Welsh Government.

by Graham Breeze

## Musclemen lift total for appeal

WELSHPOOL'S first strongman competition proved a huge hit at The Armoury, with the musclemen raising £440 for Brooke McMahon, the Welshpool five-year-old fighting cancer.

Strongmen came from across the UK and took on the best of the local talent for a memorable day.

The powerlifting event was won by local lad Stephen Lewis.

"It was a great day," said The Armoury's Chris Greateux. "Thanks to Mario for his organisation and of course to the sponsors for their support."

"We still have a collection box at The Armoury and hope to push it to £500 for Brooke."

Meanwhile, The Armoury has introduced a new class on Tuesdays. Nikki, of Nikki Boutiques, has launched an aerobics/combat weekly class from 6-7pm. There is a maximum of 35 allowed and it is booking up fast. Call (01938) 554143 to book a spot.

The winners were announced at a high profile awards presentation ceremony at Venue Cymru, Llandudno, where the winners of the National Training Awards in Wales were also recognised.

The joint awards were attended by about 350 key stakeholders from the vocational education and training sector across Wales. Cambrian Training Company is no stranger to awards, having been recognised for its strong relationships with employers and apprentices and a willingness to provide high quality, flexible training solutions to businesses of all sizes, including Stena Line, S.A. Brain and Lake Yrnyw Hwy.

With 36 employees and offices in Welshpool, Holyhead, Aberaeron and Brecon, the company has recently joined the top one per cent of Investors in People companies in the UK by achieving the silver award.

In the past year, the firm has added a National Training Award for Wales to its list of honours and its learners have won both Inspire and Young Apprentice Awards.

"This is a reflection of our passion, commitment, dedication and delivery," said managing director Arwyn Watkins. "Our strategy is to become a market leader in the work-based learning network. Our mission is providing quality training while supporting employers, learners and the wider community to improve prospects and have a positive impact on the Welsh economy."



Director of skills Anne Williams and marketing manager Katy Godsell from Cambrian Training Company receive the Apprenticeship Provider of the Year award from Scott Waddington, UKCES Commissioner for Wales.

## School is boosted as group helps out

THE people of Welshpool have once again rallied around by supporting a second "love your school" day at Ysgol Maesdre.

Dozens showed up to roll up their sleeves and help to bring a sparkle back to the school which was blighted by a damning report last year.

But it is fighting back strongly and the town is playing its part.

"Friends of Maesdre turned out in force to paint, clean up buildings and even the garden got a make-over this time," said governor, Terry Ingram.

"What was achieved throughout the day was fantastic."

"We had priorities and objectives which we had hoped to achieve but what was actually done surpassed all of our expectations."

"We had school staff, governors, ex-pupils and ex-staff working alongside pupils and parents."

"The whole school community came together to once again show the affection that the town has for its primary school."

Mr Ingram said that a third day is planned during the Spring term.

He added that he school would like to thank Kaye Deras of Deras of Welshpool for her "amazing" support.

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# Sausage makers' delight over prestige award win



Christine Gethin and John Langford, of The Welsh Sausage Company.

**WELSHPOOL-based company The Welsh Sausage Company (Langfords) are celebrating after claiming one of the top awards in the BPEX Foodservice Sausage of the Year competition.**

Their 'Red Tractor Lincolnshire Breakfast Pork Sausage' was one of 15 chosen to battle it out in the competition's final, which took place at the prestigious Butchers Hall, London last week. They were awarded third place in the Traditional Pork Sausage cate-

**by Graham Breeze**  
gory, and presented with a commemorative salver.

The company, which has recently invested £2 million in its production facilities, supplies sausages to pub chain J D Wetherspoon, as well as proudly serving the British military in Afghanistan.

A delighted John Langford and Christine Gethin said: "We've received a number of awards over the years and each one means just as much as the last. The 'Breakfast Pork Sausage' is

one that was developed for pub chains, to feature on breakfast menus. It is a lighter sausage, but has great texture and flavour that really complements the other ingredients on the plate.

"We are licensed to use the Red Tractor logo, which demonstrates that our sausages are all made from quality assured ingredients. This is important to today's customers who want great products at a reasonable price."

BPEX foodservice trade manager Tony Goodger said: "In British Sausage Week there is no better time to celebrate the very best varieties available on menus today."

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**Retired teacher to speak at meeting**

THE Welshpool Society has invited a retired history teacher to speak at its next meeting.

The society will be meeting at the Corn Exchange, in Welshpool Town Hall, on Tuesday at 7.30pm.

The speaker will be Edward Parry who is a retired history teacher. He was the former editor of Brycheiniog and is active in research on the history of Montgomeryshire.

His talk will be about French Napoleonic prisoners of war in Montgomeryshire which saw hundreds of prisoners kept in Llanidloes, Montgomery, Newtown and Welshpool.

The next meeting will be held on January 8 and then March 12 at the same venue.

**New youth club opens its doors**

A NEW youth group opened in Welshpool on Tuesday.

Play Montgomeryshire launched the Monty Clubbers Youth Group. It will meet every Tuesday during term time from 4.30pm to 6.30pm at Howell Drive Youth Club.

The grand opening featured Professor Panic's Circus Skills Workshop, funky badge making, face and body art, pool and Wii.

The opening session was free of charge, and was for 10 to 19 year olds. The usual price is 50p a session.

# Chapel organist Evelyn still playing on after 75 years

**EVERY Sunday Evelyn Corfield sits at an organ in a Shropshire chapel and plays hymns for the congregation – as she has been doing for the last 75 years.**

The musician was just 11 years old when she first stepped in as organist at the Zion chapel in Pontesbury. Now aged 86, she travels from her home in Whittington near Oswestry to Morda chapel for its Sunday services.

Mrs Corfield says she has no plans to retire from her role and still loves playing upbeat chapel hymns – most of them without needing music sheets.

"I play most tunes, whether hymns or other music I like, from memory," she said.

She first played the piano at her Aunt Ethel's house when she was seven years old and, after hearing her play, her grandmother and extended family gave her a piano and paid for her to have lessons at a shilling a time, despite it being the time of the Great Depression.

"When I was 11 years old I started playing our pedal organ at Sunday School," she said.

At the age of 20 she became the accompanist for a new Pontesbury and District male voice choir.

"One of the men came along with a new person on the back of his motorbike, Tom Corfield from Longden Common. I smiled at him over the organ. From the moment we met it was love at first sight and we got married in 1948."

Mrs Corfield continued as organist at the Zion chapel until it closed in 1982.

She recalled: "The last christening I played for was for my grandson Oliver. That was a very special service."

After the chapel closed she played at the Pontesbury Methodist Chapel as well as Minsterley and Asterley.

She moved to Whittington in 1991 and became organist at West Felton – later playing for Babbinswood Methodist Chapel. And it was there that love struck for the second time. By then a widow, she met Bert Hutton while organist at West Felton and they were

**WOMEN OF SUBSTANCE**

with Sue Austin



married. Sadly, he fell ill and died in recent years.

While at West Felton Mrs Corfield made a tape of one and a half hours of her favourite music, playing more than 60 tunes from memory. They spanned a lifetime, from hymns and carols to songs like Danny Boy, Lili Marlene and You Are My Sunshine.

Sold at just £3 each, the tapes raised £300 each for West Felton and Babbinswood chapels.

She now plays at Morda chapel, collected each Sunday by one of the chapel members.

"I am very happy there and have been made so welcome by all our members," she said.

"I like to play tunes that are uplifting. Even at funerals it is important to make people feel happier and music can do this so well."

"I have never let anything stop me playing. In 1974 I had an operation on the index finger of my right hand and I was left with a shortened finger."



Evelyn Corfield from Whittington.



Evelyn playing the organ in 1993.



Accompanist Evelyn with Pontesbury and District Male Voice Choir in 1952.

## Wartime display looks at the Danes

HITLER'S Canary is the title of the latest exhibition at Powysland Museum in Welshpool, which explores the connection between Great Britain and the Danish Resistance in World War Two.

The inspiration for the exhibition is the curator's Danish background, her father's recollections of his brief involvement in a resistance group and the book 'Hitler's Canary' by the Danish-born author, actress and comedian Sandi Toksvig, which describes life in Denmark during the German occupation.

Curator Eva Bredsdorff said: "During almost 25 years as museum curator and working with schools, it has become clear to me that the teaching of World War Two in British schools focuses, understandably so, on the British experience."

"Children learn very little about the situation in the rest of Europe and what it was like to live under German occupation. By using the Danish experience as an example I am hoping that this exhibition will broaden the knowledge of the Second World War and will be of interest to both school children and adult visitors."

The exhibition gives an overview of the German occupation of Denmark and how the Resistance movement slowly developed.

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**Author to share tales of drovers**

**AUTHOR** and droving authority Idris Evans will be in Oswestry on Monday.

He will be speaking to Oswestry Civic Society on the subject of 'The Drovers' Road' from Anglesey to Oswestry at St Oswald's Parish Centre on Monday at 8pm.

The speaker has appeared on Countryfile and Our Food. Copies of his book 'Hard Road To London' will be available along with Oswestry Civic Society publications and second hand books.

Entry is £4, refundable for anyone joining the society on the night.

**Murder on menu at village venue**

A **PLAY** will be performed in a village on the Shropshire/Welsh border.

Llanymynech Amateur Dramatic Society will be presenting Murder in Play from November 21-24 in the village hall from 7.45pm each night.

Tickets cost £6 or £5 for concessions. They are available from the post office, village hall by calling (01691) 839147, Oswestry Herbarium and Mile End TIC or e-mail [tickets@lads-online.co.uk](mailto:tickets@lads-online.co.uk)

**Clairvoyant date**

AN evening of clairvoyance will be held in Welshpool. The event, with John Starkey, is on November 13 at 7.30pm at The Raven Inn, Raven Square.

# Campaigners issue plea to residents over consultation

A **NATIONAL** survey on the future of onshore wind power could help the campaign to stop pylons from being built on the countryside of Shropshire and mid Wales, it has been claimed.

Campaigners protesting against high voltage pylons that could be built from a new electricity sub station at Cefn Coch in mid Wales across to Lower Frankton, near Ellesmere, want people to join in the consultation over the Department of Energy and Climate Change's study.

Shropshire North Against Pylons said the consultation period ends on November 15 and it is holding a public meeting next week to help people take part.

David Ward, from SNAP, the campaign group, said the national survey was highly relevant.

"This consultation gives people in Shropshire the opportunity to write to the department to raise concerns about the Mid Wales Connection Project and to stress that onshore wind generation in mid Wales has an impact on communities along the connection route in Shropshire."

"This is not acknowledged in any of the documentation relating to the call for evidence," he said.

"The Secretary of State for the Environment, Food

**by Graham Breeze**

and Rural Affairs, and local MP Owen Paterson, attended a public meeting in Oswestry in September to hear concerns about the proposed National Grid Mid Wales Connection line through the county.

"In response to the strong objections raised to the proposed pylon route Mr Paterson urged people to respond to the Department of Energy and Climate Change Onshore Wind - Call for Evidence."

He said Shropshire North Against Pylons was calling on people in Shropshire to heed Mr Paterson and respond to the consultation.

Responses should be sent to Renewables Delivery Team, Department of Energy & Climate Change, 4th Floor Area A, 3 Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2AW or e-mailed to [onshorewind@dec.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:onshorewind@dec.gsi.gov.uk) with a copy sent to Owen Paterson MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA.

## Wedded bliss



LISA Hayward and David Woodcock of Whittington, who were married recently at White Waters Country Hotel, Llangollen.

## Big day celebrations



NEIL Breeze and Emma Morris of Cobden Street, Welshpool who were married recently at The Wynnstey Hotel in Oswestry.

## Tree expert fears ban on imports is too late

A **TREE** expert from Ellesmere says he fears a ban on imported ash trees has come too late to save some of the county's best.

Robert McBride, who is creating a map of the ancient trees across the county, also claims the disease could be worse than the Dutch Elm disease which wiped out thousands of trees in the 1970s.

Environment minister and north Shropshire MP Owen Paterson last week announced the ban of imports of the ash tree to try to stem the march of the die-back disease Charlara Fraxinea across Europe.

But Mr McBride, who has been commissioned to undertake the tree survey by the SITA group, claimed trees in Britain had already been affected.

He said: "Ash trees were 'working' trees of the past, pollarded for the timber. They have cultural and historical interest and could form a valuable part of Shropshire's eco-tourism."

Mr McBride said: "It will be a tragedy to lose the ash tree from the British countryside and the ecological impact is incalculable as the ash supports a range of rare and endangered species."

He said he has now spoken to Mr Paterson about the problem and hopes to meet him at a local surgery.

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in brief

**Farm action boss is guest of honour**

ONE of the best known faces behind the campaign by dairy farmers to get better prices for their milk will be in Oswestry this month.

David Handley, the chairman of Farmers for Action, will be the guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Oswestry and District branch of the National Farmers' Union.

The meeting will be held at The Pedigree in Oswestry on November 15, starting at 7.30pm.

Mark Jones and Stuart Chacksfield, local NFU group secretaries, said they hoped the evening would be of great interest.

**Pub event raises £2,500 for cause**

THOUSANDS of pounds have been raised for a day centre at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital after an event at a pub in Oswestry.

June Parry has handed over £2,500 raised from a concert at the Pedigree in Shrewsbury Road to nurses at the Lingen Davies Day Centre.

The concert included entertainment from Mark Jones, a raffle and auction. Mrs Parry said it had been 'wonderful'.

**Plea for players**

A VILLAGE table tennis club in West Felton is looking for players. The club meets in the village hall on Thursday from 7.30pm to 9pm. Call (01691) 610224.

# Call for more talks over bid to build pylons near village

**VILLAGERS have overwhelmingly rejected plans which could see high voltage electricity pylons built close to their homes.**

More than 50 per cent of surveys handed out by the Llansantffraid Against Pylons group were returned with every single person saying they did not want the pylons.

Almost 99 per cent said they also didn't want to see windfarms put up in mid Wales.

However, the chairman of the anti-pylons group Digby Davies said the reply he was most concerned about was the 80 per cent of people who said they had not been properly consulted. Now the group is to go to National Grid, and say it can not go ahead because of the lack of consultation.

by Graham Breeze

## Old bus shelter to be replaced

BUS passengers are to get a new shelter in Oswestry after two councils resolved their row over who should maintain it.

There were fears that the shelter, outside the post office in Willow Street, would be lost after Oswestry Town Council refused to take on the maintenance from Shropshire Council because of its poor state of repair.

But this week councillors agreed to take over responsibility, accepting a £3,000 grant from the unitary authority. Passengers complained about its leaking roof and its general state of cleanliness and vandalism.

After months of arguments over who was responsible for the structure, Shropshire Council offered to deep clean and refurbish the shelter or give a £3,000 grant, on the agreement that the town council took over responsibility for it in the future.

Town councillors agreed that the best way forward was to accept the grant and then look into either refurbishing the shelter or building a new one.

The National Grid wants to build a high voltage electricity line from a proposed substation at Cefn Coch to Frankton, where it would join the Grid's main power line which runs north-south through Shropshire.

Mr Davies said the survey was carried out on behalf of the Llansantffraid Community Council.

He added: "Of the 981 people eligible to take part, 546 responded which is more than took part in the general election. I was surprised by the turnout and also by the strength of feeling in the village."

"Here in Llansantffraid we are very much dependent on tourism. We have 850 caravans on five different sites and the owners use our shops, pubs and restaurants while the parks provide jobs for local people."

"We are very worried about the effect the pylons will have on those caravan parks."

He said none of the parks or the caravan owners were consulted over the route.

"All through 2011 when the National Grid was consulting on the 10 possible routes, we did not have one single public meeting in Llansantffraid. This year the community council had to request a meeting and then it was held on a day when many objectors travelled to the Welsh Assembly in Cardiff."

"I do not see how National Grid can possibly go ahead with this preferred route when it has not carried out the proper consultations."

## It's Osyteers to the rescue



Osyteers, front left to right, Gary Bick and Merrick Corfield, who helped to fix the paving and seating area for the residents who live in the sheltered housing in Llwyn Fields, Oswestry. Behind are residents, left to right, Audrey Horton, Margaret Smith, Jane Edwards and Barbara Hughes. Picture: Simon Williams.

OLDER people in a sheltered housing scheme in Oswestry gave up using an outdoor seating area when wooden slats rotted on the benches and their walking sticks kept getting stuck in the cracks in the paved area.

So in stepped the Osyteers and, in a makeover completed this week, transformed the area.

Members of the volunteer group, the Osyteers, have spent hours carrying out the refurbishment of the area at the Llwynfields sheltered housing scheme in the town.

Mr Mike Lade, from the group, said businessman Harry Richardson from the 'Better by Design' company, mented the benches.

"It had become dangerous to sit on the benches because the slats were rotten," he said.

"We sorted out the paved area which had sunk and had lost the grout in between the pavers. The residents kept getting their walking sticks stuck in the cracks. We cleaned everything and put fine chippings in the gaps between the paving stones."

## Agencies to make way for one group

THREE bodies which care for the environment in Wales will be scrapped and replaced by a new group, it has been revealed.

The Environment Agency Wales, the Countryside Council for Wales and Forestry Commission Wales will be replaced in the near future by Natural Resources Wales, Environment Minister John Griffiths said.

The group will start operating on April 1, 2013, Mr Griffiths said and was 'crucial' to ensure a sustainable future for the country.

He said: "I believe that this name communicates well the remit of the new body, covering all of the roles of the three current bodies, which will help to give confidence and reassurance to the new body's customers and stakeholders."

"I have based my decision on responses to the consultations and work carried out with staff from the three bodies, and with other stakeholders."

"Natural Resources Wales - or Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru in Welsh - captures well the new body's remit."

"This announcement means we are another step closer to establishing a new body that will be crucial to a sustainable future for the people, environment and economy of Wales."

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## CHRISTMAS

# Christmas countdown is starting at lights event



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This year sees the switch on performed at the Bailey Head. There will be plenty of festive carols provided by schools' choirs starting from 4pm and once the lights are switched on, at about 5pm, there will be further entertainment by the Porthywaen Junior Silver band and a singalong.

Sponge Bob Square Pants will be there to greet all the children and hand out sweets with a photo opportunity at the Guildhall organised by Max Spielman.

The annual Oswestry Christmas Live event on December 7 is set to be bigger and better than ever. Oswestry Town Council introduced this event nine years ago to help promote Oswestry. There will be free car parking after 5pm.

Porthywaen Silver Band will be playing carols at the gates of Cae Glas Park from 6.30pm and various local choirs and musical groups will perform across the town. Street entertainers will also be strolling around the streets.

This year will see a bigger than usual synthetic ice rink on Festival Square with public sessions will be available between 6pm and 9pm. Tickets can be reserved through the Town Council on (01691) 680222 with some available to buy on the night.

Oswestry Town Council is also holding a Christmas Food and Craft Market in Bailey Street and at the Bailey Head.

As well as being open for late night bargains, the Indoor Market will also be the home of Santa's Grotto where children are invited to meet Santa in aid of the Hope House Charity. To complete the celebrations there will be a firework display at Cae Glas Park at 9pm with the event will continue for another hour.

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This year The Corn Store has responded to customer demand and will welcome guests on Christmas Day, but if you are looking to book you'll need to be quick as there are very limited spaces available. There will be just one sitting at 1pm.

Becy and her team have come up with a novel idea for Christmas and will be offering a take-away pudding service over the festive period.

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in brief

**Quarry dig topic for group event**

EXCAVATIONS at a quarry in North Wales will be the subject of the next meeting of a Shropshire-based archaeology group next week.

Members of Oswestry and Border History and Archaeology Group will learn all about the Ysgeifiog Dig, near Caerwys, at their meeting starting at 7.30pm on November 9 at Oswestry Memorial Hall. Maria Blagojevic and Bev Webster will give the talk.

The excavations carried out by members of the St Asaph Archaeology Society at Ysgeifiog, near Caerwys, have focused on the site of the original Tan y Llan, a high-status building dating from the early 17th century.

**Children to join Cenotaph parade**

ALMOST 30 pupils from a college in north Shropshire will be at the heart of this year's Remembrance Day commemorations in London on Sunday.

The youngsters from Ellesmere College will be among those marching at the Cenotaph in Whitehall on November 11.

The 28 teenagers will represent the entire Combined Cadet Force (CCF) Association, which has more than 250 contingents and more than 40,000 cadets throughout the UK and represents the Army, Navy, RAF and Royal Marines.

# Spotlight finally shines on unsung town Paralympian

**THE extraordinary story of one of Oswestry's unsung sporting heroes has finally been recognised by the town's rotary club.**

The achievements of Paralympian Malcolm Tarkenter 'stayed below the radar' of organisers of the town's sporting hall of fame, which was unveiled at Oswestry Leisure Centre in the summer.

But after Rotarian Hazel Yates, who helped put the hall of fame together, heard about Mr Tarkenter's achievements in the world of wheelchair basketball she invited him to be guest speaker at the latest rotary club meeting so a wider audience would learn about his

by Graham Breeze

## Choir to team up with band

AN award-winning choir based near the Shropshire border will team up with Britain's top brass band at a concert on November 10.

Francyssylte Male Voice Choir will take to the stage of the William Aston Hall in Wrexham with Foden's Brass, the first band in 12 years to complete the 'double' by winning the national championship and the British Open band competitions in the same year.

About 600 bands enter the national championships all hoping to progress to the Albert Hall through eight qualifying heats. It is not the first time that the band and choir have appeared on the stage together.

Dave Jones, choir chairman, said, "The band is an old friend, we booked it long before the competitions took place."

The first few weeks of November will see a full calendar for the choir with a concert at Belfast's Ulster Hall, a concert at Dublin's St Patrick's Church and the William Aston Hall date.

career. She said: "When I was helping to prepare the Oswestry Hall of Fame for the Oswestry Games this summer, Malcolm's name stayed below our radar, such is the modesty of this outstanding sportsman and leading sports administrator."

"I am pleased to have this opportunity to acknowledge his achievements."

Rotary club spokesman Graham Moss said few of the club members knew Mr Tarkenter was the local man who had been capped for Great Britain 200 times and had won Paralympic and World silver medals as well as a European gold.

Mr Moss said: "Malcolm was a 17-year-old apprentice plumber when a workplace accident left him paralysed from the chest down and wheelchair bound."

"He told the meeting how he was introduced to wheelchair basketball and how participation in this sport transformed his life."

"His playing career moved from club competition, playing mainly for Oldham Owls although living in Oswestry, to international participation and his silver medal at the Atlanta Paralympics in 1996."

"For the last three years, Malcolm has been chairman of the British Wheelchair Basketball Association and was one of only 20 athletes nominated by the British Paralympic Association to carry the 2012 Paralympic Torch overnight from Stoke Mandeville to London."

## Museum gets 5,000th visitor



**Pictured are Rhysowyn Branton, Mark Jones, Luke Jones (5,000th through the door) and Grace Lilly Jones receiving gifts from Mark Hignett.**

OSWESTRY'S new town museum welcomed its 5,000th visitor through the doors last week.

Mark Hignett, who helps run the museum said: "Attracting 5,000 visitors in a little under seven months is testament to the appeal that the museum had to both local

residents and visitors to the town. All of the volunteers are delighted as this also means that all their hard work is being rewarded."

The family who were presented with a selection of gifts, were visiting from Rhos near Wrexham, and were delighted with the news.

## Warning over jobs as cough cases rise

PARENTS in Mid Wales are being urged to vaccinate their children after a five-fold increase in cases of whooping cough so far this year.

Health bosses say 185 cases have been reported by the end of September in Wales compared to just 37 cases in 2011 and eight in 2010.

The Health Protection Agency said parents should watch out for symptoms such as severe coughing accompanied by a 'whoop' sound in young children.

Last month a UK-wide campaign was launched to vaccinate pregnant women, which was aimed at passing protection on to the child while it is still in the womb.

Dr Mary Ramsay, head of immunisation at the agency, said babies of these mothers should still be vaccinated to continue their protection through childhood.

She said: "Parents should also be alert to the signs and symptoms of whooping cough which include severe coughing fits accompanied by the characteristic 'whoop' sound in young children but as a prolonged cough in older children or adults. It is also advisable to keep babies away from older siblings or adults who have the infection."

There have been 10 whooping cough baby deaths in the UK so far this year.

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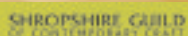
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## Country estate comes with lodge and 43 acres of land

A private residential estate with superb views towards the Welsh mountains is on the market with Savills at a guide price of £3.5 million.

Designed for elegant living, the Cherry Hill Estate consists of a recently renovated principal house with separate accommodation for staff or relatives and a lodge. Set in Chorlton Lane, Chorlton, near Malpas, the property stands in formal gardens, parkland and grazing land of 43.66 acres, with a mill pond, lake, a brook and private woodland.

An extensive block of outbuildings includes a coach

house, gardeners' rooms, stables and garaging. There is a swimming pool, croquet lawn, tennis court and walled garden with Victorian greenhouse.

The main building, Cherry Hill House, is a comfortable property of great charm, restored with attention to its historical integrity.

Built in the late 18th century, it has been added to and altered in the late 19th century and the 1920s.

The house has part-timbered and rendered walls, oak panelling and many original leaded windows.

Set over three floors, the property includes a drawing

room, music room, dining room, library, seven bedrooms and five bathrooms.

The modern kitchen is combined with utility space and a former game larder, cloakroom and access to the basement, which includes a wine cellar.

Cherry Hill Lodge has also been charmingly renovated.

This property has a dining room, sitting room, kitchen/breakfast room, three bedrooms and a bathroom. There is also a good-sized garden and a garage.

For more details contact Charlie Kannreuther at Savills on 01244 323 232 or visit [www.savills.com](http://www.savills.com)



### Four-bed semi well priced for quick sale

On the market with no chain for offers in excess of £199,950, number 1 Belgrave Place, Maesbury, near Oswestry, is a spacious four-bedroomed semi-detached family house with oil-fired central heating, double glazing, ample parking, integral garage and front and side gardens.

The property occupies a delightful semi-rural position on the fringe of Maesbury, surrounded by open countryside with lovely views.

There is an entrance hall, living room, dining room, kitchen, large pantry, utility room and ground floor wc. Upstairs are four bedrooms, one with an ensuite shower room, and family bathroom.

For more details contact Parry Lowarch on 01743 343343 or visit [www.parrylowarch.co.uk](http://www.parrylowarch.co.uk)



### Revamped property set over three floors

Aelybryn in Llanfair Caereinion, near Welshpool, is a refurbished three-storey town cottage, on sale at a reduced price of £109,950.

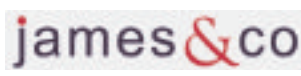
It has a large ground floor kitchen/dining room with modern units with oak worktops and built-in appliances, a pretty first floor living room with oak floor and exposed beams, conservatory, two second floor bedrooms and shower room, and a terraced garden with a seating area and greenhouse. For details contact Morris Marshall and Poole on 01938 554818 or visit [www.morrismarshall.co.uk](http://www.morrismarshall.co.uk)



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## PROPERTIES OF THE WEEK



### Individual split-level home backing on to woodland

On the market for offers around £259,950, Spindrift, in Pant, is an individual and spacious split-level family house in a delightful elevated position set in good-sized gardens. The four-bedroom detached property offers excellent road links and comprises reception hall, ground floor bedroom with ensuite, utility with access to basement storage, first floor gallery landing with access to balcony, living room with balcony, dining room, kitchen with double oven and hob, lobby, garden room, three further bedrooms, family bathroom, driveway providing ample parking, and garage. There is an attractive terraced garden to the rear with a wooded backdrop.

For more details please contact Richmond Harvey on 01691 654222 or visit [www.richmondharvey.com](http://www.richmondharvey.com)



### Village property has consent for another dwelling

A cottage in Pant in a large garden with outline planning permission to build another dwelling in the grounds is on the market for £350,000. Inglewood, Briggs Lane, is a detached stone and brick cottage with original beams and quarry-tiled floors. The property has a porch, a sitting/dining room with a stone fireplace and a breakfast kitchen with a Stanley oil-fired cooker and central heating boiler. Three bedrooms have views to Rodney's Pillar and there is a first-floor bathroom. There is parking for five cars, a garage, workshop and terraced rear garden.

For more details please contact JJ Dell on 01691 653437 or visit [www.jjdell.co.uk](http://www.jjdell.co.uk)



### Character detached cottage with an acre of grounds

Honeysuckle Cottage, Glyn Road, Selattyn, is a character property on sale for £295,000. In excellent condition, the detached cottage has beamed ceilings and exposed stone walls. It has three bedrooms, a bathroom, shower room and cloakroom, shaker style kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, dining room and lounge with a slate floor and fireplace.

The property stands in around an acre of grounds leading to open woodland and a stream with lawns, three goat sheds, vegetable gardens, parking and garage.

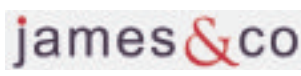
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- Gas fired central heating, double glazing, delightful gardens and grounds together with a double garage

Coed-Y-Go  
Oswestry

£250,000



NEW - NO CHAIN



- A most delightfully position Detached Residential Bungalow set within large gardens and grounds just on the edge of Morda towards Coed-y-Go being only one mile from Oswestry.
- The generous property includes which requires some modernisation, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Sun Room, Kitchen, Rear Lobby/Utility together with Three Bedrooms and Shower Room.
- Oil fired Central Heating, garage, a Triple Loose Box with adjoining Garage, Small Paddock. Views over open fields to the rear.

Berlan Close  
Weston Rhyn

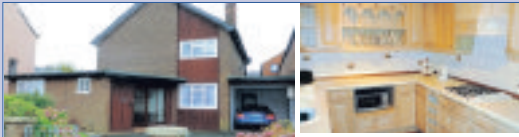
£204,995



NEW



- A superbly appointed Detached Family House situated in an ideal location within walking distance of the centre of the popular village of Weston Rhyn which has a host of facilities and amenities including the Shropshire Union Canal
- Entrance Hall, Cloaks, Family Room, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility Room, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Bedroom Four/Study
- Large private gardens and ample off road parking. uPVC double glazing and Oil central heating throughout



NEW - NO CHAIN

Lower Brook Street  
Oswestry

£185,000

- A most spacious and comfortably appointed Detached House set within a popular location convenient to the town
- Wide Entrance Hall leading to an Inner Hall, Cloaks, "L" Shaped Sitting Room/Dining Room
- Living Room, Study/Bedroom 4, Further Bedroom 5, Kitchen, Utility, Rear Lobby
- Three First Floor Bedrooms, Large Family Bathroom.
- Gas C/H, D/G, carport, patio garden to the rear. Rarely available in this location

Hampton Fields  
Oswestry

£169,950



NEW - NO CHAIN



- A well positioned and most comfortably appointed Family Detached Bungalow set in a popular area just across Cae Glas Park from the town Center
- Entrance Hall, A sunny Sitting/Dining Room, Kitchen, Two Excellent Bedrooms, Luxury Bathroom. Double Glazing, Gas fired Central Heating, PVC low maintenance barges and soffit's
- Single Garage, Garden to fore and enclosed private garden with stocked shrubs, borders and pleasure lawn to the rear



NEW PRICE

Meadow View  
Oswestry

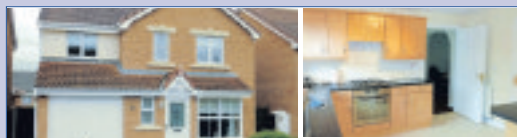
£249,950

- A most comfortably appointed and generous Detached House
- Situated in a prime location next to Oswestry Cricket Club
- Set in good sized gardens and grounds
- Ent Hall, Sitting Rm with Bay, Dining Rm, Kitchen, Rear Lobby/Cloaks
- Three excellent Bedrooms, Family Bathroom. Gas C/H
- Garage, delightful private gardens to rear with a south facing aspect

Criggion Close  
Four Crosses

£210,000

- A most spacious and comfortably appointed Detached Bungalow
- Situated within a short private cul-de-sac in a premier location
- Sitting Room, Large Sun Conservatory, Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Three Excellent Bedrooms, Family Bathroom. Double glazing
- Oil C/H, single garage, delightful lawns and gardens with views over open fields to rear

Sweeney Drive  
Morda

£199,950

- An immaculate, spacious and extremely well maintained Detached House
- Situated in a prime location within the Village of Morda
- Constructed only eight years ago to quality standards
- Ent Hall, Cloaks, Sitting Rm, Dining Rm, Kitchen/Breakfast Rm, Utility
- Four Excellent Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, En-Suite Shower Room
- Double glazing, Gas C/H, immaculate gardens to fore & rear
- Parking for several vehicles to the fore, single garage.



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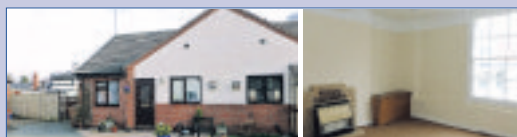
£310,000

- A most impressive Detached House
- Set within approx 2 acres of gardens/Paddock & woodland
- Sitting Room, Dining Room/Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- T.V. Room/Bedrm 5 Living Rm/Study, Utility Rm, 4 1st Floor Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom, En-Suite Shower Rm
- Part D/G & part Oil C/H, Dble garage with pony stable
- Views over fields alongside, parking

Tregarthen Lane  
Pant

£199,950

- Spacious Detached Three Bedroom Bungalow
- Ent Porch, Entrance Hall, Large Sitting Room with Bay
- Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility, Cloaks
- Three Bedrooms, Large Family Bathroom with Shower
- Oil fired central heating, single garage, Lawned gardens
- Ample parking for several vehicles and a caravan if desired



NO CHAIN

Park Street Close  
Oswestry

£143,950

- A most comfortably appointed and spacious Semi Detached Bungalow
- Situated in a much sought after cul de sac close to the town centre
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- UPVC Double Glazing



Vyrnwy Road, Oswestry

Price: £129,950

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- Double Glazing
- Patio, Terraced & Laid to Lawn Rear Garden



Park Fechan Gardens, Whittington

Price: £199,950

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- Gardens To Front, Side & Rear
- Garage & Parking
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing



Golfia Isaf Barn, Llangedwyn

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Aston Way, Oswestry

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- Gardens To Front & Rear



Building Plot, Dovaston

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Malthouse Close, Whittington

Price: £179,950

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**A well presented three bedroom detached property situated in the most sought after village of Whittington.**

- 3 Bed (Master & En-Suite)
- 2 Receptions & Conservatory
- Gardens To Front, Side & Rear
- Garage & Parking
- Corner Plot
- Cul-De-Sac Position



Trefonen Road, Morda

Price: £299,950

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**A deceptively spacious property 'tucked away' off the passing lane, dating back to the late 1800's.**

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- 2 Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
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- Garage / Workshop
- Gardens & Parking



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Price: £475,000

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- Garden
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Price: £179,950

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- Village Location

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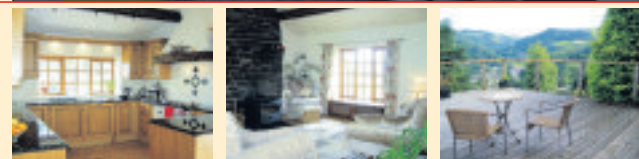
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**£350pcm**

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**Ashlands Road, Weston Rhyn**  
**£395pcm**

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### Greatly extended property offers lots of space

On the market at a guide price of £145,000, number 15 Lilac Grove, Oswestry, is a well appointed and hugely extended three-bedroom end of terrace house, with the benefit of double glazing, gas central heating, excellent reception rooms and very large rear garden. The spacious accommodation comprises a hall, large through living room, separate snug/family room and a large L-shaped kitchen/dining room. On the first floor are three double bedrooms, ensuite shower room with wc, family bathroom and a further separate wc.

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### Mid-terrace house would make ideal first-time purchase

Number 6 Park Avenue, Oswestry is a mid terrace house, ideal for access to the town and Brogyntyn Park, ideal for a first time buyer.

The two-bedroom property is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole for offers around £108,000. With partial double glazing and electric storage heaters, it has a lounge, breakfast area, kitchen area, rear lobby, two bedrooms, bathroom, small forecourt approach and an enclosed rear garden.

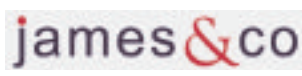
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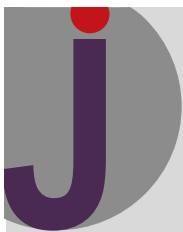
## Beautifully presented period semi has been modernised

Bryn Banwy, Llanfair Caereinion is an immaculate modernised semi-detached family home in a pleasant part of town. The three-bedroom period property is on the market for offers around £232,500. With plenty of character including exposed wall timbers, ceiling beams, an open fire, inglenooks and Victorian fireplaces, it has three reception rooms, kitchen with appliances, utility, cellar room, three good-sized bedrooms, bathroom, garden and two parking spaces. For more details call Halls on 01938 555552 or visit [www.hallsgb.com](http://www.hallsgb.com)



## Three-bed bungalow in sought-after area

Number 20 Croxon Rise, Oswestry, is an attractive three-bedroom detached bungalow in a sought-after location. It is for sale through Woodhead Estates, who are seeking offers around £174,950 with no chain. Accommodation comprises an entrance hall, living room/dining room, kitchen, wc, inner hallway, master bedroom, two bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, front and good-sized rear garden, and an integral single garage. For more information please contact Woodhead Estates on 01691 680044 or visit the website [www.woodheadestates.com](http://www.woodheadestates.com)



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**Dolanog**

**NO CHAIN**

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**£270,000**

**Rhoswel**

**NO CHAIN**

An attached three bedroom house ideally situated for the bypass, comprising two reception rooms, breakfast kitchen, three bedrooms, two bathrooms, low maintenance cobbled courtyard garden & ample off street parking. The property is in need of updating and modernisation.

**£125,000**

**Penybont Fawr**

**NO CHAIN**

A newly refurbished and extended detached property occupying a large corner plot in the heart of the village of Penybont Fawr. The property comprises dining kitchen, living room, two bedrooms and bathroom to the ground floor, two ensuite bedrooms to the first floor, garage and gardens.

**£255,000**

**Oswestry**

An immaculate detached family home situated within a quiet and well maintained street, one mile from Oswestry town centre. The spacious accommodation comprises dining kitchen, two reception rooms, utility, guests cloakroom, five bedrooms, family bathroom and integral garage. The property boasts good sized, low maintenance gardens to the front and rear and has the potential for further enhancement to the living accommodation.

**£179,950**

**Oswestry**

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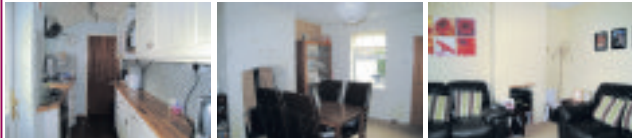
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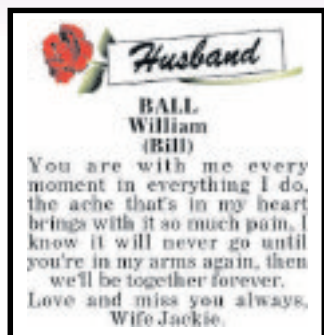
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## NEWS

# Talk to shed light on canal projects

A VOLUNTEER who has spent more than 30 years helping restore the Montgomery Canal will give a talk at a meeting of the Shrewsbury and North Wales branch of the Inland Waterways' Association on Monday.

The meeting will be held at the Narrows Inn, at Welsh Frankton, at 7.30pm. It will feature Alan Jervis, of Waterway Recovery Group, and Montgomery Waterway Restoration Trust.

Association branch president, Mr

Michael Limbrey said: "Alan Jervis has been committed to the restoration of the Montgomery Canal for over 30 years. The first project on the canal Alan was involved with was the restoration of four locks at Welsh Frankton."

"They had been derelict for over 50 years and it took eight years of painstaking work by the volunteers of Waterway Recovery Group to rebuild the locks so they could be used again."

He then managed the restoration of

the three Aston Locks and the construction of the original nature reserve, the largest task the volunteers had undertaken, and completed in a single season.

"These works were a very significant contribution to the section of the canal in Shropshire, navigable today to Maesbury Marsh and visited by thousands of boaters each year, not to mention all the residents and visitors who use the towpath."

Admission is free, all are welcome.

# All change for the charity Santa run

by Graham Breeze

**IT WON'T** be just Father Christmas characters taking part in this year's Santa run charity event in Oswestry – the organisers hope lots of little helpers will join in as well.

This will be the seventh year the annual fundraiser has taken place in the town and organisers are ringing the changes to encourage more participants. Last year 250 people took part, only a quarter of the 1,000 who joined the first

Oswestry Santa run in 2006.

## Celebration as pub wins plaudits at ceremony

OWNERS of a pub near Oswestry are celebrating after being praised at a national good business awards ceremony for the second year in a row.

The Navigation Inn, in Maesbury Marsh near Oswestry, was nominated for the caterers and pubs category at this year's RSPCA Good Business Awards. And the canal-side pub was highly commended by judges.

Brent Ellis, co-owner of The Navigation Inn, went to London's West End for the awards ceremony and said his pub was the only one in the Midlands nominated as finalists in the category. He said his business had been up against stiff competition from four other businesses including Eco cuisine from London, Helen Browning at The Royal Oak in Swindon, The British Larder in Suffolk and The Duke of Cambridge in London.

The Navigation Inn was chosen because of its food policy which ensures all its meat comes from local named farms, is outdoor reared and free range.

Mr Ellis said: "We are extremely proud to have flown the flag for ethically raised food in the Midlands."

He added the pub's suppliers also deserved credit for the award too.

## Present

Vanessa Thomas, fundraising manager, said: "After seven years of Santas people can now dress up as Rudolf or elves. Some could even dress as a box present."

"It will be fun to see who will be dressed in the most unique way."

Mrs Thomas said Santa suits would still be sold in the hospice shops, priced £2.50, for those wanting to stick with the traditional attire for the one-mile run.

Adults taking part are allowed to enter up to three children to go along with them for free.

Mrs Thomas said: "Last year we had about 250 people. We are hoping this figure will be bigger this year."

"In the first year we had nearly 1,000 people. We are hoping if we change the run more people will come."

She said the event had attracted many spectators in the past who had lined the streets to watch the runners go past.

For more information call (01691) 671671 or visit [www.hopehouse.org.uk](http://www.hopehouse.org.uk)

## MP reopens store



OWEN Paterson, North Shropshire MP, left, reopened the refurbished 02 shop in Oswestry on Saturday and is pictured with Lloyd Nutting, franchisee, right, and staff back left to right Alex Mowbray, Tara Johnston and Oliver James. The store, which opened in Oswestry in 2007, has undergone a £100,000 refit. Picture: Simon Williams.

## Bird book author's visit

AN author will be heading to Shropshire to talk about garden birds.

Matt Sewell is due to visit Booka Bookshop, in Church Street, Oswestry, on November 28 from 7pm, to talk about his book *Our Garden Birds*, which features 52 favourite British garden birds and Mr Sewell's pop-art watercolour-style illustrations.

Tickets cost £5, which can be redeemed off the price of one of the books if bought on the night. Call (01691) 662244.

# Band return to county as part of nationwide tour

AN OSWESTRY band which moved to London to break into the national music scene will be heading back to Shropshire as part of a country-wide tour.

The Kayas, from Oswestry, were already making a name for themselves when members lived in the town, and played at the world premier of the film *Stitched Up*, directed by Enzo Calzaghe, father of boxing world champion Joe.

Now the indie rock band, which left Oswestry in the middle of September, has announced a national tour.

Singer/songwriter Ad Edwards said: "The Kayas will be touring in February."

"We are playing Manchester on February 1 at Retro Bar. On February 2 we will be in

London at Knights Templar in Chancery Lane. We are playing in Bristol on February 5 at The Pledge. We will then be in Liverpool on the eighth at The Krazyhouse and Telford on the ninth at Rechabite Hall.

"There are also some more dates to be added. Tickets will be on sale from December 1."

The Kayas is a five piece band which was formed by Ad in 2007 and includes guitarist Duane Williams, Ash Edwards on keyboard, bassist Sam Hall and drummer Will Stokes.

The group has signed to SBS Records, based in Newport, South Wales, which previously signed Manic Street Preachers. For information visit the band's Facebook or Twitter @thekayasuk accounts.

## Festive fair at Meadow

SHREWSBURY Town Football Club is staging a Christmas Craft & Gift Fair to raise funds for the youth development department.

The event is at Greenhouse Meadow on November 11 from 11am to 5pm, when gifts, crafts, decorations and wreaths will be on sale.

Ellesmere-based Wayne Evans, Shrewsbury Town's Youth Development Manager said: "We are fundraising to support the club's academy which caters for youngsters between the ages of nine and 18 and this is the first event we have organised so we are hoping for a good start."



## NEWS

## School to celebrate milestone

OSWESTRY School will celebrate its Founder's Day weekend on November 24 and 25 when the 40th anniversary of girls at the school will also be marked.

A service will be held in St Oswald's Parish Church on the Saturday morning.

This will be followed by sporting events at the school between current school sports teams and the Old Oswestrians.

An Old Oswestrians dinner will be held on the Saturday evening.

The guest speaker will be Lindy Lodge, one of the first girls to be a student at Oswestry School when it became co-educational in 1972.

Old Oswestrian president Alasdair Wilson said: "I hope that many Old Oswestrians will attend and we look forward to seeing as many 'old girls' as possible."

## Coffee date to aid NSPCC

A COFFEE morning to raise funds for the NSPCC children's charity will be held in Whittington near Oswestry this month.

The fundraiser will be held at the Senior Citizens Hall in the village on November 23, from 10.30am to 12.30am.

Admission will be £2 and there will be a raffle, book-stall, cakes and a produce stall.

## Football kit is given to school

by Graham Breeze

WHEN sports fan Eddie Knox travelled to Sri Lanka to re-new friendships with youngsters he had coached during a voluntary trip last year, he wanted to ensure that they could enjoy their sport as much as him.

Mr Knox, 32, from Valeswood near Nesscliffe, took with him football kit donated by Shawbury United, a club he plays full back for.

The kit was presented to St Joseph's school in Ekela, Sri Lanka, which mainly teaches under-privileged children.



Eddie Knox

## Council poised to make savings

SIGNIFICANT savings will need to be made by Powys County Council after it was revealed it will receive the lowest increase in Welsh Assembly funding next year.

The council said the final budget settlement figure will not be received until December, but warned the expected 0.15 per cent increase meant major savings will have to be made. The council received £178.1m for 2012/13, down 0.6 per cent on the year before. If the 0.15 per cent increase comes in, it will receive £178.3m next year.

Councillor Dai Davies, cabinet member for finance, said falling school pupil numbers continues to have a major impact on the county's settlement.

He said: "It is too early to say what the full implications of the budget settlement are but it is likely we will be looking for savings in excess of £5m next year."

## Skittle night proves a success



A GOOD old-fashioned game of skittles, at Selattyn, kept members of Oswestry 41 Club and Oswestry Tangent fully entertained last week. The skittle alley was set up by Cross Keys publican Phillip Rothera. Steve Theobald emerged as best male and Sheila Large best lady. President Dave Mathews said it had been such a success they would return next autumn. From left is 41 Club treasurer Dave Thomas, with skittlers Kath Howarth and Jim Fennell, watching Pam Bridge take her turn.

## Rail buffs don fancy dress to celebrate

THE COLD and clear night of Saturday, October 27, saw Cambrian Railway's last special event before Christmas, "Hallowe'en on the Cambrian".

Visitors, many dressed up, started to arrive at dusk and the Llyncllys Station car park quickly filled up with families of visitors young and old.

All got into the spirit of the occasion with a magic illusion shown in the format of a spooky story, with narration, telling a story of sadness and love.

Once the show was completed, visitors were able to board the train to Pen-y-Garreg Halt, a mile down the track, where they were able to alight for a suitably unnerving display of ghosts and ghouls, watched over by the Cambrian's 'skeleton' staff.

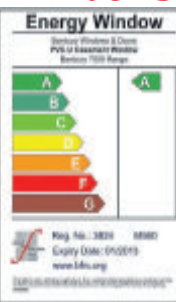
The evening finished off with a fireworks display and it was hailed as the most successful Hallowe'en event ever.

## History meeting

THE Meifod Local History Group, near Welshpool, will host a presentation of Montgomeryshire postal history. The talk will be held at Meifod Village Hall, on November 8 at 7.30pm. Entry is £3 for non-members.

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## Urgent need to promote area



WE all received some good news recently when the UK was officially declared to be out of recession, and the USA economic indicators are looking positive too, so, hopefully, the worst of the very difficult global economic times are behind us.

That being said, many UK businesses are struggling and there have been some significant job losses announced in the Oswestry area, which is never good news.

There is an urgent need for the council to work tirelessly to promote the Oswestry area as a good place to invest in order to create employment, and this should become one of their main priorities.

Another local economic growth driver should be tourism, and much more could and should be done to promote the Oswestry area to larger numbers of visitors.

This has been apparent to many for some time, but it now appears that the powers that be are beginning to realise it too.

Oswestry has so many selling points to attract visitors but, somewhat counter-intuitively, it is this diversity which had made marketing the town a challenge – precisely because it has so many great things to enjoy.

In marketing speak it is thought to have no 'USP' – no 'unique selling point'.

Could we use the resurgent interest in Wilfred Owen to provide Oswestry's USP?

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Martin Anderson,  
Chairman  
Oswestry Chamber of Commerce

# Stone the crows – amazing sculpture goes on display

**A SCULPTURE produced by a local artist and galvanised by an Oswestry company has gone on display at Ellesmere College.**

The 'Raven and Ring' sculpture is the latest 'Leaver's Gift' at Ellesmere College. Ben Broadbent, of Castle Fine Arts, Llanrhaeadr, was commissioned earlier this year to produce a galvanised steel sculpture based on the college's crest.

Ben who has worked on many major works of art, including a recent sculpture for the Parachute Regiment at the National Arboretum in Staffordshire said: "It was a particular pleasure to be asked by Ellesmere to produce the Raven and the Ring."

"It is by far the largest piece I have ever produced and challenged not only my artistic ability and physical stamina, but also my engineering skills, too".

Nick Pettingale, director of external relations: "Each year the school leavers contribute to a leaver's gift, which, at the moment enables the college to add a piece of sculpture to our fabulous grounds."

### Talent

"We seek out talented, local artists, some of whom will be displaying their work at our National Art Exhibition at the end of May 2013, so that we can lift the profile of the arts in the region."

"I am amazed at the depth of talent there is in this area."

He added: "Our goal is to promote artistic talent and create a platform for the arts within the school, where we encourage every student to express themselves and be individual, whether as an academic, a musician, an artist or on the sports field. Ben's piece sits alongside the 'Seat of Learning' which was carved in Portland stone by Judy Greaves."

The sculpture was galvanised and powder coated on the Maes Y Clawdd Industrial Estate in Oswestry by Shropshire Galvanizers. [www.galvanizers.co.uk](http://www.galvanizers.co.uk)

The legend of the Raven relates to St Oswald, the name originally given to the school and still the name of the chapel. Oswald sent the Raven, with a wedding ring in its beak, to propose marriage to a Welsh princess.

The Raven and Ring was unveiled in time for the recent college open day which saw more than 75 families visit the school, exploring the possibility of placing their children in this dynamic and ever growing school.

**by Graham Breeze**



Artist Ben Broadbent, left, and director of external relations Nick Pettingale.

## Annual wine-tasting offers 50 tipples

OVER 50 wines, ports and spirits will be on show at Momentum Wines' annual wine tasting evening next month.

The Oswestry company will hold a 'Christmas Tasting' at The Wynnstay Hotel in Church Street on December 6 between 7pm and 9pm.

All the products on sale will be geared towards the festive season and included in the £10 ticket will be a

light buffet. And tickets can be redeemed if you purchase over 12 bottles on the night.

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## BUSINESS

## £2m plan for hide to seek wildlife

AN ambitious £2million project to improve the environment and preserve a unique landscape has been launched in Shropshire.

Poul Christensen, chairman of Natural England, was at the Boathouse Restaurant, in Ellesmere, to launch the five-year project.

Under the programme, a new, eco-friendly wildlife hide and learning centre is being built at Wood Lane Nature Reserve, near Ellesmere.

Five new circular walk extensions to the Shropshire Way and a family trail at Bickley Hall Farm, will all be finished before the end of the year. Conservation work will be carried out on three Sites of Special Scientific Interest in north Shropshire - Brown Moss, Whitemere and Colemere.

## Name suggested for homes site

A NEW housing development in Ellesmere could be named Ivy Close.

The development at The Hollies includes seven homes.

Councillor Ann Hartley said: "We could have Holly Close but I think anything with Holly in it is not appropriate because it will confuse postal addresses. Ivy has the connection to Holly."

## Free parking bid to boost festive shopping in town

by Graham Breeze

**SHOPPERS in Oswestry will benefit from free parking on the town's car parks for five afternoons in the run-up to Christmas, it has been revealed.**

People will be able to use the Central, Horsemarket and Smithfield car parks without charge from 2pm on certain days after members of Oswestry Town Council agreed to a request from Oswestry Chamber of Commerce. Discussions are taking place to decide when the scheme will begin.

## New teacher in role



Claire Buckle, the new assistant headteacher at The Marches School.

THE Marches School in Oswestry has appointed Claire Buckle to the new post of assistant headteacher and head of sixth form.

Starting in January 2013, Claire will join the senior leadership team to move forward the vision for the school's sixth form which opens in September 2013.

Headteacher, Sarah Longville said: "Claire will bring with her a wealth of knowledge and experience and we can't wait for her to join the team in January."

Chamber chairman Martin Anderson said free parking was offered last year to encourage people to shop locally.

He said: "The feedback was very positive, particularly during the afternoons of the week running up to Christmas itself."

"I would like to thank the town council for this great news. It is nice they are supporting the town centre and the people."

Mayor Councillor Martin Bennett said it was good news for the town but would cost a certain amount of money to carry out.

He said the time was set at 2pm because this could be a slack period for the arrival of shoppers and would also avoid filling up the car parks early in the morning.

He added: "All the income from car parks is ploughed back into activities in the town. The idea is to provide parking in the afternoon to encourage people out in the afternoon."

Meanwhile, the chamber is organising a Christmas Extravaganza on December 15 with a parade and other initiatives to help boost trade.

Oswestry Town Council is also running a Christmas event on December 7 called Christmas Live.

There are plans to bring some fairground rides onto the streets and there will also be a Christmas Food and Craft Market in Bailey Street and Bailey Head.

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## NEWS

in brief

## Guest speaker at NFU meeting

DAVID Handley, the chairman of Farmers For Action, will be guest speaker at Oswestry and District National Farmers' Union branch annual meeting.

This address will be of great interest to members, especially following his recent attendance along with NFU president Peter Kendal at the emergency dairy meeting held at Market Drayton livestock market.

The meeting takes place at The Pedigree in Oswestry on Thursday, November 15 at 7.30pm hosted by local NFU group secretaries Mark Jones and Stuart Chacksfield.

## Breakfast date at cricket club

A FIRM of Oswestry accountants will be running a breakfast seminar at Oswestry Cricket Club on December 5.

Morris Cook Chartered Accountants will be offering advice to employers on the new regime related to wages called Real Time Information.

The cost of the event, which includes a breakfast, will be £15 a head. The event starts at 8am and should be completed by 9.30am.

To book your place call (01691) 654545 or e-mail rhian@vitalsupportcon.sultancy.co.uk

## First steps for trainee solicitors



David Pugh, Beth Harrison and Timothy Roberts.

THREE new trainee solicitors have embarked on the first steps of their legal career having successfully secured training contracts with law firm Lanyon Bowdler.

Beth Harrison, David Pugh and Timothy Roberts commenced their training contracts at the beginning of September, taking up their first seats in clinical negligence. Timothy joins the personal injury team.

Beth achieved her law degree at the University of Sheffield, and is a keen member of

the Shrewsbury Ladies Hockey Club. David graduated from the University of Ulster, and is a rugby player and athlete. Timothy, who grew up in Shrewsbury, obtained his law degree at the University of Sheffield.

Training partner Colin Spanner said: "We receive between 240 and 280 applications each year for two training contracts, so it's an extremely difficult task to reduce so many to interviewable numbers. A good academic record is vital."

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## NEWS

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## Traders raise cash for cancer care fund

SHOPPERS visiting a market hall in Oswestry have helped a trader to raise cash for Breast Cancer Care.

Owners of a handbag business in Powis Hall, in Bailey Head, wore pink and decorated their stall in the colour as part of the charity's national Wear It Pink Day.

Other traders in the hall also took part and there was a raffle with prizes including chocolate, cups and soaps. Cupcakes were also sold to raise more cash.

At the end of the day more than £200 was raised for the cancer charity.

Michelle Carnell, who owns the handbag business, said: "It was a fantastic day and we raised more than £200. We are really happy about that. Everybody really supported the event and it was good fun. The day went well. A lot of people were dressed in pink."

"I would like to say thank you to everybody who came in and donated and thank you to all the traders."

## Talk on games

THE Borderland Rotary Club of Oswestry welcomed speaker Ellie Jones to its latest meeting. Ellie, 19, was one of the thousands of Gamesmaker volunteers credited with being the face of the Olympic Games in London.

# Market traders and shops are told to work together

**MARKET traders and shopkeepers in Oswestry must work together to promote local shopping and counter the changing face of the retail world, inspectors have said.**

After visiting the town, The National Association of British Markets said Oswestry had a fine example of a rural market, although the outdoor Bailey Head was suffering from a fall in trader numbers, in keeping with many in the country.

The inspectors from the national association warned that with the impending arrival of a new supermarket on the edge of town traders must not be complacent.

by Graham Breeze

## New film for day patients

A NEW film has been put together for patients undergoing day case surgery at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital.

The reassuring film, which follows patients as they pass through the Menzies' short stay surgery unit and walk out on the same day, is available for people to view on the Hospital Trust's website.

The film, five minutes long, features real patients undergoing a range of procedures such as bunion removal, elbow, hand and ankle surgery and keyhole surgery on the knee.

"It has subtitles, is patient friendly and no blood or needles appear in the film," matron Jo Bidmead said.

"The Menzies' Patient Information film is fabulous," she added.

"I think it has a clear message that will put patients at ease knowing the process they will go through."

To see the day case film, visit: [www.rjrh.nhs.uk/menzies-unit](http://www.rjrh.nhs.uk/menzies-unit)

In their report the inspectors said the visual appearance of the markets was good, although they did suggest a new entrance-way into the Powis Hall.

They said: "The market hall, with an enviable 100 per cent occupancy level has recently benefited from a major investment of £120,000, bringing a new lift, toilets and canopies."

"There is not a need to fill vacant units but the need to keep improving the existing offer so as to appeal to a wider consumer base."

## Numbers

Inspectors say the outdoor market is far from alone in having seen a decrease in its outdoor trader numbers.

"People prefer the convenience of supermarkets with free parking and card payment for general bulk and food shopping."

"Another noticeable challenge facing the market is the multi-national discounters represented in the town."

However the health check said the market managers were responding to the situation, putting on special events and using social media to promote their wares."

The Farmers' Market, held on the last Friday of every month, was praised by the inspectors.

"The town traders, including the market must be united and progressive in promoting the benefits of local shopping in order to counter the changing face of retail."

## Pair sign up as firefighters



Oswestry firefighting recruits Michael Mounsey, left, and Alex Wakeley, right, at their passing-out ceremony with Chief Fire Officer Paul Raymond and fire authority chairman Stuart West.

A LANDSCAPE gardener and a fire control operator from Oswestry, are the latest new recruits to become 'on call' firefighters to pass out from basic training with Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Michael Mounsey and Alex Wakeley join the latest batch of 21 newly trained retained county firefighters and will provide fire cover from Oswestry Fire Station.

Landscape gardener Michael is a father of three. Alex, who won the instructor's award after his basic training, answers 999 calls as a Fire Control Operator.

At a passing-out ceremony at Shrewsbury's Theatre Severn, they and their employers' were thanked by Chief Fire Officer Paul Raymond for contributing to Shropshire's firefighting force.

## Council's move to improve services

COUNCIL bosses in Mid Wales are hoping to work with another authority in a bid to save money on social services.

Powys County Council said it is working with Ceredigion Council to save money and improve services in the department. The two authorities already share the same director of social services, Parry Davies, who is working on an interim business. The council plans to share training, procurement and commissioning as well as a common care model which will be presented to councillors in both Ceredigion and Powys.

Mr Davies said by working closer together, the council's financial situation and service could be improved.

Councillors at both authorities agreed in autumn 2011 that a feasibility study into a Central Wales Social Service was sufficiently promising to allow a detailed design and business case to be prepared.

## Trip for group

A VILLAGE history group based near Oswestry is organising a trip to a Christmas fair in Worcester. Ruyton-XI-Towns Local History Society has arranged a coach to take people to the event on December 1. Call Stewart on (01939) 260237.

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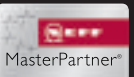
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## Theatre group's recycling workshop

A THEATRE company that regularly performs in London and is supported by actress Joanna Lumley has shown students in north Shropshire the way to put on an environmentally friendly show.

Box Tale Soup Theatre Company held a unique creative workshop at Ellesmere College teaching pupils how to produce physical theatre using only recycled and home-made props.

Students were also treated to an exclusive evening performance of Jane Austen's Northanger Abbey by the company.

The performance included paper puppets and hand-made costumes and props.

Pippa Bell, director of drama at the college, said the show captured the students' imagination.

She said: "You could have heard a pin drop in the audience as we were hanging on every word and every character, and the strange thing about the puppets is how completely real they become even though they are home-made."

"The pupils have really enjoyed the workshops and both performers were an inspiration."

Box Tale Soup blends storytelling with physical theatre which is influenced by sideshow and circus, improvised comedy and classical theatre.

## Broadband investment will be funded by the Assembly

**THE WELSH Assembly will invest hundreds of millions of pounds in delivering next generation broadband after a survey revealed current speeds are slow and in some cases non-existent.**

Russell George, Montgomeryshire AM, said a 'test your speed' survey he carried out showed many people living outside of the main towns in the area were struggling to connect to the internet.

Now the extra funding aims to ensure 96 per cent of premises in Wales will have access to broadband by the end of 2015.

by Graham Breeze

## Eisteddfod call for more choirs

LLANGOLLEN International Eisteddfod organisers say choirs from around the globe including the Philippines, Ghana and South Korea are lined up to perform next year – but not many groups from the home nation of Wales have so far registered an interest.

The organisers of the cultural extravaganza, held every August, have now put out a call for choirs from Wales to sign up.

They say Wales is renowned as a nation of song but not many choirs have yet entered. And the call has been repeated for choirs from Ireland and Scotland.

Musical director Eilir Owen Griffiths said: "For the past three years we have had more English choirs competing than any other home nation."

"To date for 2013 we have applications from choirs from England and also choirs from The Netherlands, The Philippines, Ghana, Russia, and South Korea."

"Come on Wales, Ireland and Scotland your International Eisteddfod needs you."

Mr George said: "I would like to thank all those who took part in my 'test your speed weekend' campaign during August."

"I had a good response and it has provided sound evidence I can use to lobby Welsh Government Minister to prioritise rural Montgomeryshire for better broadband."

"A brief analysis of the speed test showed that the more rural parts of Montgomeryshire receive poorer or no broadband connection than the slightly better connection in the main towns."

"It also depends, of course, how far each property is located from the main BT exchanges, those nearer to the exchange will receive much better internet speed and connection than those furthest away."

"Interestingly, some people on the same street received a different connection speed, which is helping us with our research and wider report."

The scheme will take the total investment in broadband to £425 million in Wales.

An Assembly spokesman said the project will ensure premises in Wales have access to next generation broadband by the end of 2015 and the Assembly will work with BT.

He said: "After a competitive process, an agreement has been made with BT, subject to European State Aid approvals and Major Project notification to deliver the project."

Details on: <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/businessandconomy/broadbandandict/broadband/bbs>

## Window part of chapel plans



Barry Brady, left, Rev Gareth Parry and Sue Fensome discuss plans for the new chapel window

AN OSWESTRY school is calling for ideas on what should be included in the design of a stained glass window which will be specially created to celebrate its chapel's 150th anniversary.

Oswestry School's Victorian chapel will be 150 years old next year and an appeal has been launched to restore the building.

Oswestry School headmaster Douglas Robb said: "There has been an overwhelming wish by parents, friends of the school, governors, Old Oswestrians, teachers, staff and pupils that we celebrate this anniversary with a window."

"We have commissioned Barry Brady from St Asaph to design and craft the window. He will work with our head of art Sue Fensome, the art department and pupils to prepare a number of sketch proposals."

Chaplain, the Rev Gareth Parry said: "If anyone feels they would like to donate to the chapel project in memory of loved ones or of past pupils or staff, they can contact myself or Mr Robb."

## Pub toys plea for hospice children

REGULARS at a village pub are urging people to think of others this Christmas and buy a present for youngsters at Shropshire's Hope House Children's Hospice.

The Plough at Weston Rhyn has been collecting toys for Hope House for several years and organisers say local people have always responded.

Tommy Harding, one of those who began the annual collection, said: "People buy an extra present and bring it to the Plough at Weston Rhyn. We can only accept new toys and welcome toys for boys and girls of all ages."

He said that toys would be accepted in the pub until a couple of weeks before Christmas although people could drop them off as soon as possible.

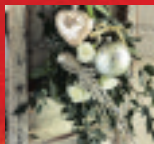
"About two weeks before Christmas staff from Hope House come along and collect the toys. They are always bowled over by the collection."

## Santa in village

SANTA will be heading to a Christmas event in a village in Shropshire. West Felton's Women's Institute hosts the event on November 24 from 2pm. It will have stalls, a raffle and refreshments. Santa arrives at 2.30pm.



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**How landfill can be used to help us and county wildlife**

**WHAT links the words 'aggregates', 'bin liners', 'litter' and 'wildlife'? The answer is Wood Lane.**

There is an inconvenient truth we all wish to hide from, whether we're wildlife enthusiasts like you and I or a business exec whose life is purely based around the acquisition of money and not a lot else. We all emit waste. Don't worry, I'm not on about bodily waste, I'm talking trash, rubbish, litter.

Re-use and recycle we might but we still get through a heck of a lot of bin liners and wheelie-bins full of garbage.

Where does this undesirable scrap go? Most of the time the answer is 'landfill'. Yet it's not all doom and gloom, for in the rolling post-glacial landscape of north Shropshire, in amongst said landfill, there is an inspiring tale to tell of wildlife.

At their Wood Lane site, Tudor Griffiths has quarried the dunlins of the ice-age, extracting the sand and gravel from them and filling them back in with our household rubbish. How exactly does this benefit wildlife? Let me explain.

**Valuable**

The sediments left behind by the advancing and then retreating ice are very valuable to us in the form of construction materials. Whether we live and work at home or in an office in the city, we need these sediments.

But what happens when bulldozers are finished with the scraping, slicing and digging? In times gone by many such quarry workings were abandoned. Wildlife was left to take over slowly. Nothing wrong with that – some of the loveliest and richest wildlife reserves are old quarry sites. But Wood Lane is different.

Disused quarries may be good for wildlife, but they are often rightly seen as a scar on the landscape, an eye-sore for future generations. Wouldn't it be nice if we could 'repair' the ground AND make it attractive to wildlife?

The aim at Wood Lane is just that. Once the aggregates are taken from the land, the hole is lined and then filled in with landfill. Several meters of topsoil later, and the drumlin mound is back to how it used

**ON THE WILD SIDE**

with Ben Waddams



to be all those years ago. But what about the wildlife?

As anyone knows who has visited the meres, north of Shrewsbury, our post-glacial landscape is pocked with water. At Wood Lane it has been an ambition not only to return the land to its original state, but to offer something extra back to wildlife.

It is true to say that it is no longer possible to gain the quarrying contracts without 're-wilding' the site after use, but I must admit, I was rather impressed with the devotion apparently on show at Wood Lane.

Some of the old quarrying works have been reverted to deep pools where carp and pike lurk and where it's possible to see great crested grebes hunting and courting. Behind these a scrape has been created. Again, this is a water feature, but instead of deep pools, the key to the success of a scrape is shallow water. This in turn attracts different invertebrate and plant life, which consequently attracts the birds.

Snipe, lapwing, plovers and waterfowl abound at Wood Lane and as winter approaches it plays host to a new variety of birdlife. I went to film this story last week for *Wild About Shropshire* and although I was duly impressed with the landscape, work to erect a new hide ironically scared off every interesting water bird on the reserve.

The only thing I saw of note was a particularly bolshie wren, calling in defiance of the nip in the air and in an odd harmony with the bulldozers over the hill.

Watch 'Wild About Shropshire on the County Channel at [www.countychannel.tv](http://www.countychannel.tv)



Defiance - Wren by Ben Waddams.

**Charity in appeal for poppy aid support**

A FORCES' charity in Shropshire says that ex-servicemen and women and their families need more help than ever this year as food and heating bills continue to rise.

The Oswestry branch of the Royal British Legion has launched this year's poppy appeal with shops, filling stations, hotels and pubs having collection boxes and volunteers on the streets.

Norman Morris from the branch said: "Please help to help those who have served our country faithfully, in some cases at enormous cost."

"In the present economic climate ex-members of HM Forces are not immune to difficulties and the legion family is here to help whenever possible. It looks after the interests of ex-service men and women who served during peace or war, and their families, for as long as help is needed."

The branch will hold its next monthly meeting in the Oswestrian pub in Festival Square, Oswestry on Tuesday (nov 6) at 8pm.

**Draw winners**

THE £1,000 winner in the Hope House Hospice monthly draw is from Holywell in North Wales. The £100 prize went to a resident in Conwy, while the £50 prizes were won by people in Telford and Prestatyn.

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## NOSTALGIA &amp; NEWS

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## MP urges students to become involved

MONTGOMERYSHIRE MP Glyn Davies is encouraging local students to take part in Parliament Week 2012, an annual national event to build greater awareness of democracy in the UK.

Parliament Week is organised by the House of Commons and House of Lords and takes place between November 19 and 25.

Mr Davies said he was writing to every school in the area, encouraging students to take part in an event or watch the live screening of the UK Youth Parliament from the House of Commons on November 23. He said: "I am pleased to support this exciting initiative exploring how democracy affects citizens."

## Race night cash for scout funds

THE Gobowen scout troop will hold a fundraising horse race night on Saturday.

The event will be at the Gobowen Scout Hall from 7pm. The cost is £10 for a family ticket or £3 each, to include a chip bap supper.

There will also be a raffle with prizes, including a family day ticket to Park Hall Farm, Spa vouchers for The Lion Quays, vouchers for Oswalds Cross, The Highwayman pub, The Venue and passes for Henlle golf club.

# Photograph shows the house where war poet Owen lived

by Toby Neal

**SOME** while ago we printed a selection of glass plate negatives that John Powell of Oswestry was trying to identify, including one showing this rather fine looking house.

Alas, nobody came forward to suggest where it might be. Surprising, that, as it turns out to be arguably one of the most historic and significant properties in the town, especially at this time of year with Remembrance Day coming up.

John says it has now been confirmed as Plas Wilmot, birthplace of Wilfred Owen, who is considered by many to be the best of the Great War poets, whose story is especially poignant as he was killed in action in one of the last battles of the conflict.

Plas Wilmot is also in the modern spotlight as campaigners are concerned that the house where Owen spent his early years has no status to protect it from any potential development. And with commemorations looming to mark the centenary of the start of the Great War in 1914, it may come into the spotlight even more in the near future.

John said the photo was first identified to him as Plas Wilmot by a friend, Hazel Yates.

"Later I met Nigel Tinsley who is one of the group who have been getting Plas Wilmot as a listed property. That group is hoping to organise the house, or part of it, as a Wilfred Owen Visitor Centre in the forthcoming 1914/1918 commemorations.

"Nigel positively identified the house. The glass plate negatives were box in a box of photographic junk that I bought in an Oswestry saleroom in the late 1940s but I



Plas Wilmot, the birthplace of Wilfred Owen.

never did anything with them until I acquired a scanner for large negatives." But could it be that a very young Wilfred Owen might have been in the house at the

time this picture was taken? It seems not. "One of the negatives has been marked 1907 in Indian ink so I assume that the pictures were taken around that time. Wilfred Owen

was born in Plas Wilmot but moved to Shrewsbury in 1897 at the age of four. "According to Nigel Tinsley, the house from that aspect has changed little."

## Another mail box stolen for scrap cash

RESIDENTS in villages around Oswestry are being urged to help safeguard their rural mail boxes against metal thieves after another post box was stolen for its scrap value.

Police say each mail box is only worth a few pounds but four have been stolen from their mountings around the town in recent weeks.

The latest box was stolen from the Old Racecourse between 11am on October 18 and 10am on October 19.

Mail boxes have also been taken from Park Drive and Whittington Road near Oswestry and from Bronygarth near Weston Rhyn.

Another box at Shellbrook Hill, Sodylt was also targeted and police believe the thefts may be linked to several others across the border in the Wrexham area.

Shropshire Councillor Trevor Davies, who represents the Bronygarth and Old Racecourse areas, said the public could play a key role in helping track the offenders.

He said: "I would urge the public to remain vigilant especially in rural areas.

"If residents see anything suspicious they should contact the police. These boxes can't be worth much but it shows that nothing is safe.

"I am not only worried about the theft of the boxes but also whether there was any mail in them."

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## THE ARTS

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# County featured in new films released on internet

by Graham Breeze

**TWO FILMS** featuring places in Shropshire are being released on the internet.

A short film about the birthplace of war poet Wilfred Owen has been launched by the former tenant of the Oswestry house on the anniversary of his death.

Plas Wilmot was recently awarded listed building status by English Heritage, with experts describing it as the most significant place in Owen's development.

Now country house enthusiast Naomi Nicholas is to put her movie about her former home on to the internet.

It was launched on YouTube on Sunday, the 94th anniversary of his death.

A Poet at Plas Wilmot gives, Mrs Nicholas says, a tantalising glimpse of one of Shropshire's hidden treasures.

Now living in Shrewsbury, she said: "There are quite a lot of pictures of the outside of the house already but I wanted to show people what it is like inside as well."

She made the film while living at Plas Wilmot between 2009 and 2011.

Mrs Nicholas said that much of the house was as it would have been when the poet was born there in March 1893. He was killed in action in France on November 4, 1918.

The movie was submitted to English Heritage to support the listing application.

The climbing film, *Odyssey - Hot Aches*, is an epic two-week road trip with four of the world's best climbers - James Pearson, Hazel Findlay, Austrian Hansjörg Auer and Caroline Ciavaldini from France - tackling some of the best areas of traditional rock climbing in the UK, including Nesscliffe.

Producer Paul Diffley said: "It was the first time any of us on the trip had been to this crag in Shropshire. It's in a beautiful setting of quarried sandstone with woods and rhododendrons, hard routes with striking lines."

## Bug catcher is a demon



POWYSLAND Museum curator Eva Bredsdorff with a Victorian 'Demon' beetle trap, normally on display at the Welshpool museum, which is being loaned to the Charles Dickens Museum in London, as they are making a Victorian kitchen and wanted the device to complete the set-up.

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# Variety of gigs on offer for music fans

## GIG GUIDE

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**HIGH energy music, a rare eight-string guitar and a Tom Jones tribute act are just a few of the gigs taking place around Oswestry, Welshpool and the borders this week.**

Shrewsbury School musicians will be in Welshpool tonight (Thursday) from 7.30pm. They will be performing at the town's Methodist Church as part of the 70th Series of Concerts given by Welshpool Music Club. For more information call (01743) 280810.

Also tonight, in Oswestry, Catfish Keith will be playing his acoustic Blues tunes at The Ironworks, in Church Street, from 8pm.

He has had 14 number one independent radio chart-topping albums and toured the world visiting places including USA, UK and Europe.

Tickets cost £10. Tomorrow night (Friday) in a pub near Welshpool the singer/songwriter Dai Robs will be playing his self-penned songs which fuses his love of soul and blues.

He likes to create a warm and intimate performance for his audiences. He will be at the Lowfield Inn, in Marton, from 8pm.

On Saturday night a Tom Jones tribute act will be taking to the stage in Welshpool.



Whalebone will be performing in Little Ness.

The town's Royal Oak Hotel has invited the performer Andy Wood to come and recreates the famous Welsh singer's chart-topping hits.

It will take place in the Powis Suite at the hotel from 8pm and tickets cost £5.

A spokesperson for the event said: "Andy Wood's vocals are said to rival the man himself.

"His characteristics and mannerisms will leave you wondering whether it is actually him or not. Andy has dazzled audiences all over the world since appearing on Stars In Their Eyes in 1993."

There will also be music in Little Ness on Saturday night with three-piece music group Whalebone.

It will be bringing its 2012 tour to the

village hall. The show includes brand-new material with traditional music, rock classics and original material from its album Three Fires.

There will also be tall tales, folklore and the myths which inspired the music.

One musician will be playing a rare baritone eight-string guitar said to be a treat to watch for guitar-lovers.

Tickets cost £7.50, which includes supper, and can be bought by calling (01939) 261046 or by visiting [www.ticketsource.co.uk/whalebone](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whalebone).

An evening of contemporary folk will take place at Cross Keys, in Selattyn, on Saturday with Jez Lowe and Kate Bramley from 8pm.

Tickets cost £8 for adults or £4 for children on (01691) 650293.

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**MARKETS**

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**Welshpool livestock market****November 5**

**OTMS (65)**  
An entry of 65 over Thirty Month Cattle sold to average 102ppkg for the 53 cows, 134ppkg for the 3 bulls, and 148ppkg and 149ppkg for the heifer and steers under 72 months respectively. The older cows topped the sale at £1069.20 for a British Blue cow weighing 810kg from RP & SE Wilde Middle Sylfaen. RE & E Rowlands Tycam presented a Limousin cow weighing 698kg to £1060.96. A Charolais bull from J R Evans Brynderwen sold for £1480.92. A British Blue bull under 72 months sold for £1591.98. RP & SE Wilde Middle Sylfaen receive the Briarwood Products Ltd prize of £25 for the highest price older cow sold on the day. If you require any further information regarding this section please contact the market on 01938 553438 or the Auctioneer Glandon Lewis on 07774 224999.

**FAT CATTLE (7)**  
Only seven fat heifers, Steers and bulls presented today, selling to average 181ppkg for the steers, 189ppkg for the heifers and 162ppkg for the bulls. Evans Brothers Tynwydd sold four fat Limousin heifers and steers to 214ppkg, 196ppkg, 184ppkg and 180ppkg. Two fat bulls from D E Wozenraff Mynydd Llys made 167ppkg and 158ppkg. Evans Brothers Tynwydd receive the Briarwood Products Ltd prize of £25 for the highest price per kilo animal sold on the day. Weekly sale of Fat cattle every Monday at approximately 12.30pm.

More Fat Cattle urgently required to meet a very strong demand from potential purchasers. If you have require any advise or wish to sell fat cattle at the market please contact the auctioneer Mr Glandon Lewis on 07774 224999 or the market office on 01938 553438.

**PRIME LAMBS (4791)**  
An entry of 4791 Prime lambs presented for sale on Monday 5th November, sold to an overall average of 149.9ppkg.

Lights (25.5kg to 32kg) (300) to 141ppkg from J G Ellis & Son Tynwydd. Others to 140ppkg from RJT & GE Jones Penwtra. Average of 132ppkg.

Standards (32.1kg to 39kg) (1008) to 173ppkg from F J Jones Brynnewnant. Others to 163ppkg from T C Evans 10 Heritage Green. Average of 141ppkg.

Mediums (39.5kg to 45.5kg) (2900) to 176ppkg from D G Jones Cefnhir Fawr. Others to 175ppkg from CL & C Watkins Bank Farm. Average of 155ppkg.

Heavies (45.1kg to 52kg) (1129) to 169ppkg from G & M Lewis Caenymynydd. Others to 167ppkg from CL & C Watkins Bank Farm. Average of 152ppkg.

**Over Weights (Over 52kg) (148)** to 147ppkg from T & B Williams Cil Mawr. Others to 145ppkg from A E Caswell Bodynfoel. Average of 141ppkg.

**CULL EWE (2682)**  
An entry of 2682 cull sheep on offer for sale today, sold to average £37.81 for the ewes and £65.13 for the rams. Top price of the day for the ewes was £108 per head from RE & L Jones Farchwel. Top price for the cull rams was £275 per head from DO & VM Gethin Pencoeed. Weekly sale of cull sheep to

immediately follow the sale of fat lambs at approximately 12noon.

**STORE LAMBS & IN LAMB EWES**

An entry of 1400 store lambs achieving an overall average of £43. Theave lambs achieving a top price of £53 from M Morgan Red House. Mixed and clean lambs achieved a top price of £64 from Cefn Coed Farms Coed Y Parc. Wether lambs achieved a top price of £58 from J & R Davies Old Hall. Tup Lambs achieved a top price of £88 from M Pugh Gilfach. Mixed and Clean lambs achieved a top price of £45. Theave and tup lambs achieved a top price of £57 from D R Pryce Llanowrd Farm.

**Store Lamb Competition.** The annual store lamb competition was very kindly sponsored by Alan Brick of H J Lea Oakes Ltd. This year judge was Mr Tom Jones Dolwen who awarded the 1st prize for the best pen of Texel lambs to Cefn Coed Farms and where bought by D G Pugh & Co The Birches. 1st Prize for the best pen of other breeds was awarded to John Lloyd Hendre for Suffolk mixed and clean lambs purchased by Mike Rowlands Dolwen.

**Store Ewes.**  
An entry of 439 breeding ewes. Top price for the yearling ewes was £120 from I M Evans & Son Sarn Farm. Ewe lambs achieved a top price of £88 from D & G Andrew Lower Bryn y Groes. Sale of Store lambs to commence promptly at 11am to be immediately followed by the sale of Store Ewes and Ewe Lambs.

**DAIRY COWS**  
An entry of 15 dairy cattle met with an easier trade than a fortnight ago, but

nevertheless was a fair reflection for the cattle on offer. Top price of the day was a 2nd calver a Winston Stormatic daughter from K S Jones & Son Lane Farm which made £2040. From the same home were tow Dragon heifers which made £1890 and £1790. Two regan crest Diehard heifers from GM & U Thomas Bwlchgraig sold for £1830 and £1800. Three cows from R N Thompson Oak Green Farm sold from £1580 nd £1880. PA & JM & Astley Cefn Farm sold a heifer for £1880. A Shottle daughter from WA & EM Morris Maestanyglwyden made £1780. A breakdown of all prices achieved where as follows: £2000+ 1 lot, £1800 - £2000 5 lots, £1600 - £1800 6 lots, £1400 - £1600 1 lot, less than £1400 2 lots.

The British Berrichon In Lamb Ewe Sale.

The British Berrichon Female In Lamb Ewe sale took place at Welshpool Livestock Sales and where in very strong demand with over 21 buyers present for the 90 sheep on offer. Lot 226 of the yearling ewes peaked at 630gms from H M Shakespeare Walnut Tree Farm selling to R Powell, Springwood Lodge, Kelso, Roxburghshire. The Aged ewes peaked at 315gms from D J Gwynne Partnership 6 Creigiau Cottages Talgarth and wassold onto F L Jones Fferm Pontrobert.

The Ewe Lambs topped at £315 from T C Stayt 9 Burtons Bank Church Westcote, which was purchased by P Harkness Windrush Farming Partnership Keresforth Hawe.

**Averages**  
Average Top

17 Aged Ewes  
£251.25 £315.00  
58 Yearling Ewes  
£293.55 £630.00  
15 Ewe Lambs  
£220.50 £315.00

The Tregwynt shield for the highest average price of three In Lamb ewes from one owner went to H M Shakespeare Walnut Tree Farm who sold a consignment of 8 aged ewes and 12 yearlings selling to a top price of £600 for a yearling ewe and sold to average of £292.50.

Auctioneers was Mr LL Keith Davies

**Oswestry cattle auctions****October 31**

**FAT CATTLE: (63)**  
If you have cattle to sell please contact the Auctioneer Jonathan Evans on 07971 002650 or the Market office.

**Young Bulls (28) Overall Average 190p.**

**Light Bulls (2) Average 170.5p (£737/head)** Selling to 186p from C E Evans Lower Hendre

**Medium Bulls (15) Average 198p (£1041/head)** Selling to 217p from V A S & S M Corbett Gorthur Heavy Bulls (11) Average 182.5p (£1093/head) Selling to 210p from A H M Lea & Sons Lee Bridges

**Steers (15) Overall Average 170.5p.**

**Light Steers (2) Average 170p (£773.50/head)** Selling to 216p from V A S & S M Corbett Gorthur Medium Steers (4) Average 168p (£895/head) Selling to 185p from G R Jones Cefn Abertan

**Heavy Steers (9) Average**

age 171.5p (£1027/head) Selling to 207p from T I Morris Maesybwch Heifers (20) Overall Average 180p Medium Heifers (5) Average 181.5p (£852.5/head) Selling to 212p from RE & BE Lewis Gribin

**Heavy Heifers (15) Average 179p (£1010/head)** Selling to 226p from R E Hughes Parc Farm

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**FAT LAMBS: (2613)**  
A good entry of 2613 lambs selling to a good average on the week of 150p/kg SQQ with the overall average being 150.5p/kg showing that the heavier lambs were a better trade and firmer demand than the lighter lambs. 334 light lambs sold to average 139p/kg with the top price being 148p/kg from I T Davies Coedyglyn 29kg making £43. 574 standard lambs levelled at 149p/kg the top price of 174p/kg being 33kg lambs at £57.50 from M Jones & Son Lawnt. 1365 medium lambs levelled at 152.5p/kg with the tops of 167p/kg from H E Pugh Grove Farm making £67.50. Top call of the day was £83.50 from W R Taylor Talwrn.

**Superlights to 115p** Lights to 148p average 139p. Standards to 174p average 149p. Mediums to 167p average 152.5p. Heavy's to 168p average 151p. Others to 148p average 144p. Overall average 150.5p.

**FAT EWES: (766)**  
Ewes to £78.00 average £32.00, Rams to £90.00, average £68.00

Please Note : All sheep entering the Market must be tagged.

**CALVES: (68)**

An improved quality entry selling to a sharper trade for the best. 60% of the entry friesians were also marginally improved. British Blue Bulls topping at £350 & £345 from Messrs Gaskin Penyparc £296 from Messrs Mottram Sodyllt Old Hall. Limousin Bulls to £324 & £300 from Messrs Owen Bonciau. Charolais Bulls to £316 from Messrs Pryce Coedmaur. Hereford Bulls to £292 from Messrs Foulkes Maesteg. Limousin Heifers to £252 & £235 from Messrs Evans Halton Farm £220 from Messrs Edwards Lower Sweeney. British Blue Heifers to £214 from Messrs James Church Farm. Simmental Heifers to £214 from Messrs Evans Halton Farm. Friesian Bulls to £115 from Messrs Andrew Neuadd Uchaf £110 from Messrs Edwards Lower Sweeney £108 from Messrs Bowen Glanwytyn £105 from Messrs Edwards Plasyncoed £94 from Messrs Evans Glanwyrch £88 from Messrs Jones Moreton Farm

**STORE CATTLE: (105)**  
A smaller entry for the last sale of the month met with a slightly slower trade than that seen last week however the entry was far more mixed. Top price of the day went to 3 Charolais x steers aged 21-22 months sold by C Jones & Son, Dolanog for £1150 (182p/kg).

71 steers averaged £854/head (178p/kg) with notable prices including:

G Watkins, Llanfyllin sold 3 Limousin x steers aged 17-18 months for £975 (198p/kg) and 3 aged 15-18 months for £1005 (195p/kg).

£1085 (197p/kg) paid for

a Charolais x steer aged 17 months sold by D S & G M Pryce & Sons, Llanantffraid £1150 (195p/kg) paid for a Limousin x steer aged 21 months sold by A H Webster, Ruthin

31 heifers averaged £709 (164p/kg) with notable prices including:

A Hughes, Selattyn sold a pair of Limousin x heifers aged 14 & 15 months for £620 (191p/kg) and 6 aged 14-15 months for £620 (190p/kg).

£830 (189p/kg) paid for a pair of Charolais x heifer aged 15 months sold by M Morgan, Llanerfyl.

Our next catalogued sale will be held on the 14th November

**U72 & CULL COWS: (87)**

An excellent entry of 87 cattle met with an equally excellent trade. Cows to 165p/kg, Heifers to 157p/kg, Steers to 146p/kg. Top price Cow £1177.10

**Cows**

Charolais to 133p average 129.4p/kg Limousin to 165p average 134.6p/kg

Belgian Blue to 147p average 129.4p/kg Others to 137p average 126.4p/kg

Friesian to 132p average 99.4p/kg Heifers

Belgian Blue to 157p average 147.10p/kg Friesian to 148p Steers

Friesian to 146p 87 Cattle average 111.85p/kg

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position and an exciting looking fascia merged with traditional and hi-tech materials giving the driver a sporting environment more recognisable in much more expensive options.

Don't be fooled by Peugeot's claim that this

is a four seater. Even children would find it difficult to get comfortable in the back but the RCZ is far more practical than many of its rivals.

The boot is surprisingly big and shocked more than a few people by easily passing the golf club test, and with the rear folded down there's ample room for lots more luggage.

But you don't buy this type of car for its practicality. It's all about handling and performance – and the RCZ ticks all the right boxes.

## Sharp

On test was 1.6GT with a top speed of 133mph and 0-62mph in 8.3 seconds with sharp steering and hardly any roll, even when pushed to the limit on the narrow roads of Mid Wales.

What really did it for me was the raspy bark emitted by a sporty exhaust which became more and more addictive during a week-long trial and probably had the neighbours checking what was going on. It's one of those things you either love or hate but for me it makes the RCZ stand out against all the opposition.

Controls are nicely weighted, and it's a civilised offering in terms of wind and road noise.

**"It's all about handling and performance – and the RCZ ticks all the right boxes"**



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The RCZ is bigger than you think and is not easy to park. I found myself having to own up to a scratch on nearside alloys after underestimating the width while parking.

Cabin design is lifted from the 308 hatchback. There's a good range of steering wheel adjustment and a large button just behind the handbrake, which allows you to elevate the active rear spoiler.

But nothing makes the RCZ more distinctive than its double-bubble roof and rear window, which gives the car its own signature.

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Controls are nicely weighted

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# New drop-top is big on performance and style

**This year's Paris Motor Show was stolen by the Brits. The home team might have been out in force but it was McLaren's P1, the first glimpse of its flagship supercar, that drew the biggest crowds.**

There was, however, another new car sharing the stand – the MP4-12C Spider. An obvious second act to follow the coupe version, the Spider swooped in with the promise of the same block-busting performance and handling, but added fresh air.

But the Spider doesn't have any of the compromises you normally get when switching from coupe to drop-top. The super-strong and light carbon 'Mono Cell' chassis was designed from the outset to be

**By Matt Joy**

turned into a drop top, so creating the Spider required no chassis strengthening at all.

That meant unchanged suspension too, which is almost unheard of, and the weight increase is negligible – just 40kg accounting for the roof mechanism and a different exhaust.

In fact when getting your first glimpse of the Spider it's actually quite easy to mistake it for the coupe. The Spider has a two-piece composite roof that will fold in less than 17 seconds and at speeds up to 19mph.

Remarkably it actually offers more luggage

space than the coupe, thanks to a pair of roll-up bags that stow beneath the tonneau cover when the roof is up. There's also a heated rear window that acts as a wind deflector when the roof is down, but can also be lowered with the roof up to allow the engine sound into the car.

In a way that small detail tells you a lot about the Spider experience – it is a car prepared and able to suit any circumstances. Assuming you approach the car with the roof up, you squeeze a discreet rubber button to open the door as it glides upwards into position.

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Slide yourself into the slim but comfortable seats and you feel at the centre of the action. The windscreen drops down low to give a superb view out while the wheel and the instruments sit proud of the dashboard top, giving an uncluttered driving environment.

Fire it up and with everything turned down to its friendliest settings, the Spider demands very little of you indeed.

Press the 'D' button to engage the gearbox and a slight squeeze of the accelerator releases the auto hand-brake and you're away.

You have the same active dynamics panel controlling handling and powertrain so you can tailor the car to the circumstances. With everything in 'normal' there's nothing to tell you you're in the Spider.

It's just as fast, as compliant, as quiet and as accommodating as the coupe.

Drop the roof and it changes completely of course: wind is kept well in check below silly speeds and

of course that super-strong carbon structure means not one hint of shake or wobble over bumps. This is how all convertibles would be in an ideal world.

Don't waste a single opportunity to turn everything up though. The intermediate 'sport' mode offers an excellent balance for fast road driving, leaning off the electronic stability control (ESC) a little bit to allow some movement in the car while the extra noise and sharper responses from the engine are welcome.

You can use 'track' mode on the road of course, but then you are in control of all 616bhp (an upgraded output over 2012 model year).

Such is the linearity of the twin-turbo V8's delivery that it is deceptively fast. An extended blast through first, second and third gears feels mighty fast but the speedometer tells an even more remarkable story: it will hit 124mph from rest in just nine seconds with the grippier Corsa tyre option.

It's best experienced with the rear window down as you get all the noise, resonating around the roof and no wind intrusion whatsoever.

Despite being turbocharged it does its best work with a few thousand revs on the dial, but the performance is savage in bald stats yet silken in delivery.

Even so it is arguably the ride and handling combination that is more impressive. The active roll control system is tech-heavy but all you need to know is that it allows the Spider to skim over bumps in a way that no performance car has ever done, yet it doesn't compromise an inch in the way it grips and resists roll.

The 'handling' switch allows adjustment of the roll stiffness, but even with it turned up to 'track' mode it's firm not harsh.

The test drive included track time as well as a mixture of Spanish roads, and its ability to deal

with such a wide variety of surfaces was remarkable.

If anything, the optional Corsa tyre's extra grip isn't necessary: on the road the grip levels are stratospheric and on track it's a pleasure to flirt with the edge of adhesion and feel the Spider move around. Even driven like this, it responds beautifully, never feeling twitchy or a handful.

The philosophy behind the MP4-12C Spider is clear to see, and its adaptability and immense competence is remarkable.

The Spider is essentially the class swot: so good at everything you want to dislike it, but you can't help but have huge respect for its flawless execution.

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The prizes come from the Midland Group of Motoring Writers and are in memory of one of its members, the late Phil Llewellyn who contributed to magazines all around the world. Phil lived near Oswestry and was a well-known motoring writer.

The Phil Llewellyn Award is aimed at budding

writers, aged 10 to 16. To enter, you should write a story of about 500 words on 'my perfect car and the journey I'd take in it.'

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Owners of prestige vehicles can face higher repair costs when things go wrong

## The smartest cars are the most expensive to mend

**Owners of performance and prestige cars pay twice as much to repair their cars as drivers of more regular runabouts and can be faced with bills of up to £13,000, researchers say.**

A survey by Warranty Direct shows the average cost of a breakdown across its 50,000 policies is £325.25, but a study of claims paid in the past year on

prestige vehicles reveals an average bill of nearly £635.

In one extreme case, the owner of a Range Rover Vogue was presented with what could be the UK's biggest garage bill – £12,998.46.

Managing director at Warranty Direct, Duncan McClure Fisher, says:

"Owners of luxury or sports cars are, by definition, able to afford something a bit less ordinary than the everyday runabouts. But, in reality, who can really afford bills that run into several

thousands to repair their car?"

The Range Rover Vogue owner's massive bill was caused by the failure of faulty injectors and a turbo unit. After the engine had been stripped, a process that takes 22 hours of labour, the diagnosis demanded a complete engine replacement, and a new turbo.

Another motorist faced paying £10,170.40 to replace the cylinder block in his BMW 740i Sport, while an engine failure landed an Audi Quattro TDI driver with a bill of £9,016.45.

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SPORT

Under 13s in scoring rampage to defeat Colts

Oswestry Boys Under 13's 7 Market Drayton Tigers Colts 1

OSWESTRY got back to winning ways with a fine display against Market Drayton.

The home side got off to a flyer when Will Baker scored in under a minute.

Two decent strikes from Adam Davies and Curtis Weetman from long range together with a superb hat-trick from Brandon Rogers, his third of the season, put Oswestry 6-0 up after 25 minutes.

Market Drayton pulled one back from a corner before Tobin Chuni scored the top corner from 18 yards to put Oswestry 7-1 up at the break.

That was the end of the scoring as Market Drayton put in a much better display in the second half.

Another good win for Oswestry who travel to Bridgnorth next week in the third round of the Charity Cup.

Scorers: Brandon Rogers (30), Will Baker, Adam Davies, Curtis Weetman and Tobin Chuni.

Man of the match: Curtis Weetman

Oswestry Under 15's 10 Shrewsbury Up and Comers Ospreys 1

A fantastic team effort saw Oswestry come from a goal behind to run out comfortable winners.

A solid defensive display allowed Oswestry to take a strong foothold and they were able to dictate the pace of the game.

With a 3-1 half time score the game was still evenly set up but Oswestry's superior ball retention saw them run out worthy winners.

Scorers: Tom Worswick, Archie Burton, Keiran Burgoine, Kade Jackson, Louis Morris (2), Sam Lewis (2) and Jack Morris (2).

Man of the match: Liam Williams

Llanfair go through as Llanfair are hammered

THERE'S no stopping high-flying LLANFAIR UNITED who eased into the third round of the Central Wales Cup with a 6-0 home hammering of Llanfair.

Chris Gethin led the charge with a hat-trick for the Spar Mid Wales League division two leaders, while Steven Andrew, an own goal and Rob Bennett completed the tally.

Boss Rhys Stephens, recently named manager of the month in division two, admitted it was a job well done with the main aim of reaching the next round with a minimum of fuss.

This Saturday, Llanfair visit Aberystwyth as they bid to reel off their ninth league victory on the bounce.

Prestigne also progressed with a 7-2 passage against Maesglas after extra time, Thomas Hooper scoring two of the goals.

LLANGEDWYN went out 2-0 at home to Hay St Mary's, while BETTWS were convincingly beaten 10-1 by Knighton Town.

Llandrindod Wells eased through with a 5-0 home success against Newtown with Chris Murphy and Paul Watson both scoring twice, while Rhosgoch were 7-2 winners at Bont, and Tregaron Turfs won 3-2 at home to Aberystwyth Town.

Reigning champs are on fire

TALBOT D showed they are in no mood to relinquish their Andrews Fish Bar Welshpool Pool League Premier League title by maintaining their perfect start to the season, writes League Chairman Dave Gannon.

A five-star performance at the Cock Forden saw the reigning champions take over at the top with an 8-2 win despite the Forden side picking up their first win two nights earlier in a rearranged fixture.

But The Talbot put them to the sword with no less than three perfect seven-ball frames on their way to an 8-0 lead, before the home team finally found some solace in the last two games.

Four Crosses moved fourth as they ended the Angel A's perfect record with a 6-4 win.

There was also a huge sigh of relief for the Breidden Lions, as they secured

their opening win of the season, with a crushing 8-2 verdict over the Socialites. The happiest team of the week will definitely be the Castle Boys though, as they took two wins, beating Talbot Top Dogs away 7-3 on Wednesday and the Breidden Lions at home 6-4 Thursday to rise two places to seventh.

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The Fish Bar Division One leaders Angel B had a shock, as ninth placed Oak B Guilsfield held them to a 5-5 draw, and with second placed Westwood Warriors not in action, the Court-house Judges drew level on points with them after a 5-5 draw of their own against the Horse & Jockey who went third.

The result of the night however was an 8-2 master class from the Black Lion Llanfair, as they demolished a very

good Station Llansantffraid team in their own back yard.

In Division Two's top of the table clash, it's Halfway House with title credentials, as they beat second placed Courthouse B 7-3 by taking the last four frames in a row! The Westwood Slayers set up another top of the table match for this week too, as they climbed two places by beating the Dragon Buttington 6-4.

The Talbot Thundercats are up three places to third as they took the last four frames to win 7-3 against the Herbert Arms, and this week's big risers are the Talbot Flunks who jump four places with their opening win to ninth after beating the Punchbowl B away 6-4!

Also on a high also are the Dragon Buttington, as their first win over Herbert Arms 6-4 sees them jump four places to join the Flunks in joint ninth.

Smout's late strike earns Saints point

AN injury time strike from Chris Smout rescued a point for St Martins in a topsy turvy 4-4 draw at Penncroft in the West Midlands League division one.

Battling to stay clear of the basement pack, the Saints' inconsistency has largely been down to lack of numbers and the inability to field a settled team.

After their 2-0 loss to bottom of the table Leominster, they looked to be on course for a vital win opening a two-goal lead through Ryan Butcher and Tom Mackerel.

However, they switched off in the last five minutes of the half to let Penncroft score three times.

Mackerel got his second of the game after the break to even things up but a poor back pass allowed the home side to regain the lead.

The Saints pushed for a leveller in the dying moments and they were rewarded when Smout's shot from the edge of the box found the net after being fumbled by the keeper.

Lying 12th St Martins look to get back to winning ways when they host bottom club Blackheath on Saturday.

Super Ben turns on power for best-ever season finish

MID WALES driver Ben Power put worries about his ill father to one side to become the highest-placed British racer in the final round of the 2012 UK National Legends Car Championship at Brands Hatch - finishing second behind Belgium's Guy Fastres.

Rhyn hit by new blow as sub suffers broken leg

WESTON RHYN's hopes of moving up the Mercian Regional League premier division, suffered another setback when Jason Leightwood broke his leg in the 2-0 defeat at leaders Church Stretton.

With less than 10 minutes left sub Leightwood fractured his right leg in an unfortunate accident.

With proceedings held up for 45 minutes while the defender was being treated, both sides agreed that the match be abandoned and the result stand.

It is another blow in what has been a testing season for Weston Rhyn, but their performances suggest they can climb up the table.

Against Stretton they had the better of the first 70 minutes but were unable to take advantage.

Lying third from bottom in the table, Rhyn are back on home soil when they welcome third placed Shifnal 97 on Saturday as they bid to avenge a 2-0 loss earlier in the season.

There is a big Oswestry derby on Saturday when OSWESTRY LIONS take on OSWESTRY BOYS CLUB in the first round of the Shropshire Junior Cup at Park Hall.

The Lions go into the clash on the back of their 1-1 home draw with Madeley, a result that sees them sixth in the table but just three points off second spot.

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Ben's father Nick, the team manager, was taken to hospital after feeling dizzy following an accident earlier in the week hurt his head.

"It really was hard to focus, as I was worrying about my dad," said Ben, whose father is on the mend.

The end result earned Power, aged 22, from Guilsfield, near Welshpool, fourth place in the final championship table - his best-ever finish in the hotly-contested series.

"The weather was terrible, but I've really got the hang of driving these cars in the wet now," he said.

"Consistency is the key, and with a third, fourth and fifth in the three races, only Guy performed better."

Tracks

It was a marked contrast to previous day, when Ben worried over his dad, had a sixth, 21st and 10th place finish.

"It really didn't help my chances of getting further up the final table," said Ben.

That 21st place finish was actually a triumph in itself, after Ben was squeezed on to the grass and spun several times at over 100mph.

He managed to get the car back under control and finish the race.

Overall, the season has been the best ever for the Welshpool and Oswestry-based Gutierrez team.

Power recorded his first race wins in Legends Cars, and for a while he was second in the championship behind long-time leader and now champion Lawrence Davey, from East Sussex.

The UK Legends series visits tracks in England, Wales and Scotland, including famous circuits such as Brands Hatch.

Oswestry organisations pick up top honours



Members of Shropshire Paddlesport, based at Queens Head, receive their award with Dave Sherratt

TWO Oswestry organisations were among the grass roots sporting stars and volunteers who were honoured at a glittering prize-giving ceremony in Shrewsbury.

Shropshire Paddlesport, based at Queens Head, near Oswestry, beat three other finalists from the county to take the Community Club award in the sixth annual Energize awards held at Shrewsbury Town's Greenhouse Meadow Stadium.

Paddlesport promotes canoe-

ing and other water sports to people aged from five to 67, and representatives received their trophy in front of a 200-strong crowd, which included former world, European and Commonwealth swimming champion Mark Foster who was guest speaker at the event.

Two organisations - the Oswestry Olympic Games and Telford Disability Games - were also rewarded for their work promoting healthy lifestyles.

The awards were organised by

the Energize county sports partnership, in association with the Shropshire Star. Energize chairman Steve Peters said: "At grass-roots level, we rely heavily on the community clubs, coaches and volunteers that work tirelessly to not only nurture the next generation of sports stars, but make physical activity more accessible for everyone."

"Our finalists this year represent a small sample of the excellence we have in the county, delivering sport at all levels."

Second string stay top with win Golfers out in force for stableford

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to his team's success, scoring a skilful reverse lift over the head of the keeper.

Mark McBrien compounded the visiting teams' woes as he took advantage of the outstretched keeper to slot the ball home.

Another attempted goal by Evans hit the keeper but not letting the chance slip Rob Jones took the rebound scoring his first goal for the club.

John Roberts increased his teams lead after knocking the ball straight between the keeper's legs.

After a rocky start to the season Oswestry 2's have been on a successful run and hope will continue against Bangor University Men's 3 rd on November 11.

THERE were 90 entries for the November stableford at Oswestry Golf Club on Saturday.

Division 1 winner was Simon Pount with 39 points. He won from Oliver Hughes on countback. Third place went to Bryan Pingle with 38 points. Fourth was Carl Manning with 37 and he was followed by Gareth Evans also with 37. Sixth spot went to Darren Griffiths with 36 points.

There was a real dogfight in Division 2 with David Keighley grabbing first spot with 40 points, just one ahead of Richard Keenan.

Third was Stephen Pearce with 38 points and he beat fourth placed John Driscoll on

countback. Fifth spot went to Lee Pearce with 37 just ahead of Malcolm Smith on 36 points.

There were some high points scores in Division 3. Leading the way with an impressive 44 points haul was Graham Maule.

Four points behind in second spot was Darryl Hopton. Alan Clarke returned 38 points for third place, a shot better than Chris Dunbar who took fourth.

Jim Youens had a steady round to make fifth with 34 points and in sixth position was Geoff Davies who had 32 points and claimed his spot on countback.

The best Gross score was Oliver Hughes with a 71.

PLACINGS

Mercian League PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
FC Hodnet	12	7	22	11	23	
Church Stretton	12	6	23	18	22	
Shifnal United 97	12	6	4	21	20	
AF Ludlow	12	5	21	11	15	
Oakengettes Ath	12	5	23	15	19	
Alcott	11	5	23	19	16	
Telford Juniors	12	5	21	15	15	
Ketley Bank Ltd	12	4	7	26	13	
Wington Arms Res	11	3	7	14	20	
Morda United	9	4	12	17	9	
Easton Rhyn	12	2	7	8	16	
W Church Alp Res	9	1	5	12	19	
Dawley Town	10	1	5	20	4	

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Ketley Town	13	12	1	67	18	36
Rock Rovers FC	12	9	1	57	21	29
Masleley Sports	13	9	3	45	14	28
Bishops Castle T	12	8	1	48	17	27
Press FC	12	9	3	50	23	27
Oswestry Lions	12	8	2	34	23	26
Brown Clive	13	6	6	29	26	19
Oswestry BC	13	5	6	26	25	17
Wroster Rovers	11	5	1	33	25	16
Clee Hill	10	2	7	22	40	7
Morda Utd Res	11	2	8	17	49	7
Hopsgate Utd	11	1	25	48	6	
Medie Brice	12	0	10	12	6	
Shawbury Utd Res	13	2	11	11	59	6
Wrock Wood Jun	10	1	8	16	55	3

Oswestry & District Snooker League

SNOOKER DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Celfn RBL	5	5	0	20	5	20
Ellesmere A	5	4	1	19	19	19
Ex Serv C	4	3	1	12	8	12
Ex Serv A	5	3	2	12	13	12
Fleys B	5	2	3	12	14	12
Ex Serv E	4	2	2	9	11	9
Llan Rata A	4	2	2	9	11	9
Rhos Snooker Club	1	1	9	11	9	
Corwen	4	1	3	7	13	7
Glyn Cerrig A	4	1	3	7	13	7
Ex Serv D	4	0	4	1	16	4

SNOOKER DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Critfins	5	5	0	20	5	20
Llanhaeadr B	5	4	1	18	7	18
Morda A	4	4	0	16	4	16
Ilton	5	3	2	15	10	15
Four Crosses	4	4	0	14	5	14
Glyn Cerrig B	4	2	2	10	10	10
Ex Serv B	5	2	3	8	17	8
Llanhaeadr A	5	1	4	8	17	8
Ellesmere B	4	0	6	14	6	
Fleys B	4	0	6	14	6	
Llangynog	5	0	5	4	21	4

WELSHPOOL DOMINEES DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Social Club A	8	6	2	38	18	
Waterloo	8	6	2	37	19	
Pennwood A	7	6	1	33	16	
Compasses	7	5	2	32	17	
Sun Inn	7	6	1	32	17	
Celts	7	3	4	25	24	
Pennwood Dragons	7	3	4	23	26	
GDragon Butt A	8	2	6	21	35	
Cock P/A	7	2	5	19	30	
GDragon Butt B	7	2	5	17	32	
Bowling Club	8	2	6	17	39	
Powis Arms P/Q	7	2	5	16	33	

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Cock A	8	5	3	46	10	
Railway	8	7	1	41	15	
Grapes	8	6	2	33	23	
Westwood	8	5	3	33	23	
Murles Bunch	8	4	4	28	28	
Kings Head	8	4	4	28	28	
Westwood Wand	8	4	4	28	28	
Talbot	8	4	4	27	29	
The Real Railway	8	4	4	27	29	
Horseshoe	8	4	4	26	28	
Breidden	8	2	6	22	34	
Angel	8	3	5	21	35	
RAF Boys	8	1	7	15	41	
Wellington	8	0	8	15	41	

STONEHOUSE BREWERY OSWESTRY DOMINEES

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Black Lion A	6	4	1	21	15	9
Station L Santffrad	6	2	0	23	13	8
Top White Lion	6	3	1	20	16	8
Bell Oswestry	6	2	1	21	15	7
Cross Keys	6	2	1	21	15	7
White Lion	6	2	2	15	7	
Plas Yn Dinas	5	2	1	17	13	6
Perrypoint Inn	6	2	2	19	17	6
Horseshoe	6	2	2	18	16	6
Black Horse	6	1	1	17	19	6
Black Lion B	6	3	3	17	19	6
Railway Inn	6	0	2	15	21	4
Royal Hill	6	1	5	10	26	2
Plough	5	0	5	6	24	0

Station 5, Horsehoe 1, Cross Keys 2, Black Lion A 4, Black Lion B 4, White Lion 2, Plas Yn Dinas 3, Bell 3, Perrypoint 2, Top White Lion 4, Black Horse 3, Railway 3, Royal Hill 4, Plough 2

SPAR LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Stonehouse Brewery Oswestry Dominoes						
	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Black Lion A .....	6	4	1	21	15	
Station L'santfräid ..	6	2	0	23	13	
Top White Lion.....	6	3	1	20	16	
Bell Oswestry .....	6	2	1	21	15	
Cross Keys .....	6	2	1	21	15	
White Lion .....	6	2	1	21	15	
Plas Yn Dinas .....	5	2	1	17	13	



## SPORT

## Alport are crushed by Morda in Cup clash

LAST season's beaten finalists Morda United cruised into the second round of the Shropshire Challenge Cup with a 3-0 passage against Whitchurch Alport at Weston Road.

After a disappointing 1-1 draw with the same opponents in the Merion Regional League premier division the previous week, boss Craig Rogers was bolstered by the returning trio of Jason Williams, Kev McGarvey and Gary Meredith as well as new signings Matt Swift and Will Robinson making the bench.

Morda dominated from the off against their visitors, and opened the scoring midway through the first half when a good move saw McGarvey cross for Dan Graham who forced the ball home at the second attempt.

A second goal soon arrived when another good attack down the right saw a scramble in the box, the ball broke to Graham who was taken down as he was about to shoot and the referee awarded a penalty. Graham made no mistake with his 10th goal in 11 games this season.

## Restricted

It should have been game over before half time, first McGarvey put Gaz Lewis clean through from the right hand side, but a poor second touch allowed the keeper to scramble the ball clear.

Lewis then turned provider when he released Graham but, one-on-one with the keeper, the striker tried to dink the ball into the net but presented the keeper with a comfortable save.

Just after half time, substitute Ian Heathcock was put through by McGarvey with a delightful ball, but his attempted lob failed to produce a goal.

Whitchurch attempted to make a fight of it after the break as they battled to get a foothold in midfield but the hosts restricted them to few opportunities.

Morda made it three with 10 minutes remaining to seal the win when, on the edge of the box, Graham he did well with his back to goal to feed full back Shin Miah who found himself in the box and poked the ball home.

There was still time for Whitchurch to have a goal disallowed for offside which allowed the home defence to keep their first clean sheet of the season.

It was a good performance from the Weston Road men who now go into three tough looking league games starting at home to title chasing Church Stretton on Saturday (2pm).

## Mixed pairs cruise home

OSWESTRY Mixed First team played their last home fixture this week against a side from Town Walls.

Rain prevented the fixture from being completed but Oswestry came away with another victory.

Due to the unavailability of Paul Hampton, captain Kat Oakley had to elevate herself and partner Dave to first pair and they rose to the challenge winning 6-3, 6-3.

Josie Macrae paired up with Simon Jackson, and they took a third set victory against Town Walls second pairing 6-2, 5-7, 1-0.

In the reverse rubbers the weather deteriorated but Kat and Dave finished the job against Town Walls second pair with a 6-1, 6-3 win.

This gave Oswestry seven of the available eight points and with two away fixtures remaining.

## No repeat victory for battling Oswestry boys



Oswestry's defence fails to stop Freddie Harris going over for Bridgnorth

LAST year Oswestry under 13s thumped their Bridgnorth counterparts 42-12 but there was no repeat this year as Bridgnorth took revenge with a 33-5 win.

With Oswestry playing some boys from their under 14 team, Bridgnorth followed suit. Both teams looked bright on a wet and muddy Oswestry pitch.

Bridgnorth's James Riley took the initiative and after a strong charge his offload to centre Matt Morris gave him the opportunity to score. Will Stone's conversion gave the visitors the early 7-0 lead.

Oswestry responded quickly and stole the ball in the maul and it needed a good covering tackle to keep the home side from scoring. The Oswestry defence then had to stand firm as the

visitors looked to increase their lead but when they knocked on five metres from their own line for Freddie Harris was there to finish.

Bridgnorth then increased their lead with a try and conversion to leave the score 19-0.

Oswestry tried to get back in the game but the visitors' defence was strong and as the home side pressed the visitors broke for another try and conversion. Bridgnorth then scored with Matt Morris getting his hat-trick.

But despite the scoreline Oswestry were determined to get on the points board before the final whistle. And after giving away scrums and penalties on their five metre line Bridgnorth finally cracked for the home side to score. This was a just reward for Oswestry's hard work.

## Jones scores crucial try as COBRA secure away points



Forwards from both sides fight for the ball in the muddy conditions

COBRA continue to hang on to the coat tails of the leaders in rugby's Welsh League division two (north) after claiming a hard-fought 11-3 win at Llanidloes.

The Meifod men always had the edge, with a couple of Llew Williams penalties carving a six point interval lead before Adam Price kicked a penalty for Llani in reply.

The visitors then grabbed a crucial second half try when scrum half Alwyn Williams kicked the ball through following a scrum and fullback Matt Jones outpaced the defence to touch down.

They had enough pressure late on to bag more points, but would have been happy enough with their efforts in difficult conditions.

Despite the win, which sees the Llanfair Caereinion side edge into second spot on points difference from Llanidloes, they still trail unbeaten high fliers Denbigh by six points with both teams having played eight games.

Llanidloes, despite a mixed season so far, lie fourth thanks to their home form, so COBRA knew points would be hard-earned against their Powys rivals last Saturday.

But the forwards were up for the challenge in a hard-fought affair, laying the platform with their work in the mauls and rucks to help seal their side's sixth win of the campaign against spirited opposition. Llani were always in the hunt, with COBRA again frustrated at the amount of penalties conceded while both sides were

RUGBY  
by John  
Bridgwater

reduced to 14 men through yellow cards.

For the visitors, second row Rhodri Evans picked up his third yellow card of the season, and the Meifod side know they will need to tighten up their discipline if they are to seriously challenge Denbigh at the top of the table.

COBRA now have a break from league action, like the rest of the league, as Wales take on Argentina in their first international of the autumn this Saturday. They return to league duty the following Saturday (November 17) with a home clash against Colwyn Bay, the first of three meetings with the North Wales side before Christmas. They also meet in the North Wales Cup on December 1, and the Swalec Bowl on Saturday, December 15.

WELSHPOOL, without any action, lost pole position

as Newtown ran out convincing 44-0 winners over Bangor to move two points clear at the top of the Welsh League division three (north).

There are no games this weekend so Pool will look to hit the ground running when they embark on a crunch clash at title favourites Rhos in their next action on November 17.

With their Powys rivals sidelined, local rivals Newtown took advantage to run in seven tries against Bangor to collect a bonus point in their 44-0 win.

Fly half Rowan Meek and centre Joe Murray both crossed twice, while flanker Nathan Owen and wingmen Juniona Dean and Ashley Evans also went over.

Evans also kicked a conversion while fullback Chris Jones made up the really with a penalty and two conversions.



Mat t Jones goes over the line for COBRA in their 11-3 win at Llanidloes



The sets of forwards prepare for a scrum in the close encounter at Llanidloes

## Eagles bounce back from drubbing with good win

AFTER being shaken by their Sefton defeat, Oswestry steadied the ship as they returned to winning ways in the South Lancs and Cheshire Division Two with a timely 19-0 home success over Wallasey.

The mid-table Eagles were looking to shake off the 85-0 drubbing against the league leaders the previous week and responded with a solid display at Granville Park against the newly promoted visitors.

Wallasey competed well but failed to open the game up and, in contrast, Oswestry scored three good tries when they managed a more expansive approach.

After 25 minutes of ding dong rugby

between the 22 metre lines, the Eagles fed the ball to right winger Tom Shillito who made 30 yards before being hauled down. The second phase saw the ball switched swiftly across the line for left winger Gareth Hughes to score with Chris Crutchley converting.

Five minutes later, the hosts went further ahead when a scrum inside the visitors 22 saw Crutchley pick up and take on the winger to score powerfully in the corner.

Wallasey were now hanging on desperately and from a clearance kick into home half Gareth Morris collected and fed the centres who gave the ball to Hughes who was

eventually brought down five yards out.

The second half saw more even passages of play with Wallasey eventually pressurising the home line for the first time. However, a couple of rolling mauls and drives by the pack were well defended by the home side.

Oswestry were now enjoying plenty of possession and, inside the final 10 minutes, the home side secured turnover ball inside the visitors half and, from a fumble, Nick Carlton picked up the loose ball and fed Hughes who cut inside to score his second try of the game under the posts, Crutchley converting.

The Eagles have no league game this weekend, but return to duty the following Saturday when they visit bottom Buxton as they look to consolidate their seventh place in the table.

While the first team suffered a heavy defeat the previous week, it was the turn of the second string to be on the wrong end of a drubbing as they crashed 60-0 at Chester III in the Ragging Bull North West League division three (south) last Saturday.

Without any action this weekend, the Eagles' second team will hope for better fortunes when they head to Moore the following Saturday in the NOWRUL Bowl.

## Boys Club pain after defeat by lowly Meole Brace

A BAD at the office was the verdict as Oswestry Boys Club suffered a disappointing 3-1 home loss to lowly Meole Brace.

The defeat dented the Boys Club's hopes of improving on their mid-table position in the Merion Regional League division one.

The Park Hall hosts never got into their stride in a scrappy affair of little quality and few chances.

However they did go close in a goalless first half when George Turner was unable to capitalise after a powerful Danny Owen shot had been parried by the keeper.

Despite a change of formation at half time, the Boys Club continued to toil and went behind when a long ball was flicked on by Paul Clark and somehow managed to elude keeper Harry Griffiths and find the net.

However, they were back on terms when Turner weaved his way through the defence to slot home.

## Dissent

Their joy was shortlived as they quickly found themselves trailing again after conceding a penalty.

Gwyn Davies brought down the Meole Brace striker and, although the challenge seemed to be outside the box, a spot kick was awarded.

Despite being saved by Griffiths, the keeper had no chance with the rebound.

Meole Brace then extended their lead with a neat finish.

Any hopes the Boys Club side had of retrieving the game faded further when goalscorer Turner was sent off for a second yellow card for dissent.

The visitors were also reduced to 10 men for violent conduct, but there was no way back for the Boys Club who will be hoping for an improved showing when they visit Cleve Hill in their next action a week on Saturday.

## Hurdsman is Sunday's top angler

RESULTS from Weston Pools are:

Wilfred Owen Sunday match, October 28, 5 anglers

1 Chris Hurdsman (Tri-cast Weston) peg 6 Wilfred Owen 34-11, 2 Ian Ellis (Tri-cast Weston) peg 17 Wilfred Owen 27-12, 3 Andy Philbin (Tri-cast Weston) peg 19 Wilfred Owen 26-12, 4 John Dixon (Tri-cast Weston) 25-00.

Weston Open Tuesday, October 30, 14 anglers

1 Mike Philbin (Tri-cast Weston) peg 42 canal 59-14, 2 Martin Travis (Total Angling) peg 2 canal 42-00, 3 Eric Taylor (Pilsworth) peg 14 Wilfred Owen 40-08.

Over 55's Wednesday October 31, 17 anglers

1 Steve Norman (Connah's Quay) peg 24 Stretton 49-05, 2 Barry Gabriel peg 42 canal 36-00, 3 Mike Williams (Church Stretton) peg 16 canal 35-06.

Over 55's Friday November 2, 16 anglers

1 Phil Conde (Tri-cast Weston) peg 7 Stretton 34-03, 2 Arthur Wood (Tri-cast Weston) peg 12 Stretton 30-01, 3 Barry Gabriel peg 28 Stretton 29-09.

Weston Open November 4, 15 anglers

1 Barry Gabriel, peg 25 Belvedere 43-10, 2 Mark Flevin, peg 30 Stretton 40-01, 3 Mike Philbin (Tri-cast Weston) peg 8 Stretton 33-08, 4 Mike Woodham peg 3 Stretton 17-08.



SPORT

Heavy loss for Rangers as keeper is red carded

NEAT and tidy Ellesmere Rangers were swept aside 4-1 by a powerful Westfields team in this Midland Football Alliance clash.

However Rangers never shirked their task and were unlucky to finish three goals worse off than their visitors.

The visitors laid down their credentials early when a well-rehearsed corner was met on the volley by Scott Jackson which was only kept out by a brilliant tip over from Rangers keeper Dave McGuire.

From the corner Dave Whitall-Williams got up highest to crash a header against the Ellesmere bar before Jamie Cuss missed a great opportunity to open the scoring, for Westfields, screwing the ball wide from around eight yards.

The visitors opened the scoring on 37 minutes as Alex O'Leary tricked his way past Ellesmere right back Louis Irvine before delivering a pinpoint cross from which Richard Kerr could hardly miss.

**Pressure**

Westfields secured the points with their second goal on 70 minutes when Craig Jones cut inside and curled a delightful shot into the far corner of the net.

Ellesmere then reduced the arrears five minutes later when Dan Price cut in from the left onto his right foot. His shot was partially blocked and looped into the air for Steve O'Reilly to nod home.

But before the home side could mount any concerted pressure, Westfields regained their two goal cushion when another effort from Thomas proved too hot for Maguire and the keeper uncharacteristically allowed the ball to slip through his legs and into the net.

Possibly this was still on his mind when he received a straight red card for an off-the-ball incident with visiting midfielder Carl Morris soon after.

Chris Richards took over between the posts but the prospect of a comeback had now gone and he was soon beaten by a close-range Thomas effort, which rebounded off the replacement keeper and into the net to complete the scoring.

Ellesmere will resume their quest for their first win of the season at Loughborough University on Saturday. Kick off is at 3 pm.

Four Crosses hit back to grab a vital three points

**LEADERS FOUR CROSSES** kept their noses in front at the top of the Spar Mid Wales League division one after hitting back to secure a timely 3-2 win at WATERLOO ROVERS.

The pacesetters had found themselves trailing to a first half goal from Barry Haralambus, but rallied with a brace from Jack Harris and one from Paul Hughes, who earlier in the week turned down an approach from Morda United. Steve Laws fired an injury time reply for Waterloo.

"Waterloo is a tough place to go so it was a great win for us," said manager Nick Poppy.

With us having so many players missing (10 of the 20-man first team squad were out), everyone dug deep and to be honest we should have won by more."

Despite Four Crosses impressing in the first half, Haralambus fired Rovers ahead on 22 minutes with a super effort that flew into the top corner from just outside the box.

The visitors had their chances, Hughes missing with the goal at his mercy, while Harris and Gaz Jones went close and Richard Harris had a header ruled out for pushing.

But they were back on terms on 57 minutes through Harris following a strong run into the box and were ahead 11 minutes later courtesy of Hughes form a Scott Gra-

Thomas hat-trick seals Guilsfield win

**WILL** Thomas fired a hat-trick as Guilsfield climbed up to 10th in the Cymru Alliance with a 4-1 drubbing of bottom club Ruthin Town – and boss Russell Cadwallader believes there is no reason why his side can't cement their place among the leading pack.

The hosts had found themselves trailing to Jason Woods' sixth minute opener, but roared back with Thomas opening his account on 19 minutes to level matters at the break.

Mark Davies then put the Guils ahead five minutes after the interval when his corner was fumbled before Thomas completed the fightback and his hat-trick with goals on 67 and 76 minutes after outpacing the defence.

"Ruthin look as though they could stay bottom, so it was important to pick up three points," said

Cadwallader. "I'm really pleased with the way things are going, it's the strongest squad since I've been here as manager and everyone is working hard."

"We've got no game this weekend because it is the Welsh Cup but after that we've got games coming up against sides we should be looking to win."

Levelled

"The table is very tight, there's nothing between a lot of teams, and there's no reason why we can't finish in the top sixth of seven."

Reflecting on his side's win against Ruthin, Cadwallader added: "It was a bit of a struggle, not the prettiest of games but we had a bit of luck when their keeper spilled a Mark Davies corner into his own net, and that proved the turning point."

Ruthin had started quite brightly and took the

lead after just six minutes when Woods' left footed cross-cum-shot from the right floated into the net.

But Guilsfield clawed their way back into the game and levelled midway through the half when Thomas fired home in the box after well worked move involving Davies and Gareth Jones.

The hosts had chances but Ruthin defended well, but a key moment came five minutes into the second period when a Davies corner was dropped by the keeper and fell into the net.

After that, the visitors' heads appeared to drop and the Guils were camped in their half, with a home win the inevitable outcome.

The lively Thomas stretched the lead when outpacing the defence before rounding the keeper on 67 minutes before completing his treble when breaking through to fire home after Ian Probert had dinked the ball over the defence.

Llanrhaeadr stopper Lee gets red card

**LLANRHAEDR** are facing a Welsh Cup goalkeeping headache after suffering a 3-1 loss at home to Buckley Town that keeps them in the lower reaches of the Cymru Alliance table.

Reece Norton's 24th minute strike had Buckley ahead at the break, but Alun Jones boosted the villagers with a 64th minute reply.

However, hopes of much needed points faded as Adam Edan put Buckley back in front before Anthony Williams settled the issue in injury time with the hosts pushing for an equaliser.

With Llanrhaeadr now preparing for Saturday's Welsh Cup second round home clash with Welsh Alliance side Llanrug, their plans have been disrupted after having keeper Connor Lee red-carded late on in last weekend's action.

He is automatically suspended for the cup game and, to make matters worse, his replacement Lee Davies dislocated a finger while making a save which has also makes him a doubt.

Decisions

"It doesn't rain but it pours for us at the moment," said manager Dan Stevens. "Just when we think we are getting most players back it, we get this."

"It's a real headache, but hopefully Lee can get his hand strapped up and play."

"I would say he is 50-50 at this stage, but if he can't play, then I'm going to have to try and bring someone in, which is easier said than done with it being the Welsh Cup and clubs reluctant to release players."

Stevens, however, has been heartened by his side's performances, and felt they were unlucky to emerge empty handed last weekend.

"We're not getting our fair share of luck at the moment, we've been on the wrong end of some decisions in tight games," he added.

"But we're playing some good football, and if we keep playing the way we have then I'm sure we can get up the table."

"We've got to keep on believing."

Llanrhaeadr would reflect they played well enough to get something from last Saturday's game, despite falling behind midway through the half when Norton produced the finish following a well constructed move.

Before then, they had conceded a harshly awarded penalty, but justice was done with Connor Lee saving the spot kick.

Playing some decent football, the villagers were back on terms after the interval as defender Emyr Roberts headed down a free kick, and Alun Jones tapped home the loose ball.

Exposed

Buckley, a big, physical side, were on the back foot and the young hosts sensed a much needed victory but their endeavours to get a winner backfired as they were breached at the other end with Edan putting the visitors back in front.

Trailing 2-1, hopes of retrieving the game faded when keeper Lee was sent off for a foul as he raced outside his box.

They were then left exposed at the back as Williams added a third goal.

All eyes are now on Saturday's Welsh Cup tie as Llanrhaeadr bid to boost their coffers by progressing to the third round at the expense of Welsh Alliance mid-table side Llanrug United.

Saints go second after sub Seargeant cracks late goal

The New Saints 2 Afan Lido 1

**A LATE** strike from substitute Chris Seargeant helped The New Saints shake off lowly Afan Lido's stubborn resistance to move up to second spot in the Welsh Premier.

Having lost two of their previous three outings, including their previous appearance at Park Hall when going down 1-0 to Newtown, the Saints were desperate to get three points under their belts.

But they had to do it the hard way after falling behind to Chris Hartland's 36th minute



TNS's Ryan Fraughan on the ball with Lido's Matthew Thompson. Picture: SIMON WILLIAMS

opener before striker Greg Draper levelled two minutes before half time.

Despite huffing and puffing, the Saints struggled to break down a Lido back line after the interval before Seargeant pounced six minutes from time with a low strike from outside the box.

The defending champions would have been mightily relieved to have taken the points after being well below their best against a Lido side who belied their position at the bottom of the table with a spirited showing.

Director of football Craig Harrison admitted to his side "winning ugly" on a difficult afternoon for the full-timers as the leading lights in the league continue to jostle for pole position.

"It was not a vintage TNS performance, but a win's a win," added Harrison. "We played better against Airbus and lost, a few weeks back, but that's how it goes sometimes."

Double

Draper had one early shot saved while Lido managed to clear another effort off the line as the hosts carved some promising openings, but it was the visitors who took the lead on 36 minutes as Dean Hudson threaded a through ball for Hartland to run on and drive a 22-yard shot low into the bottom corner.

But the Saints were soon back on terms as Sam Finley slipped a ball through the defence for Draper who neatly dinked his shot over advancing keeper Chris Curtis from eight yards.

Lido proved more than a match for their hosts in the second period, and had a couple of opportunities, one of which saw Mark Jones fire just wide.

However, TNS stuck to their guns and eventually found their way through when Seargeant, a 60th minute substitute for goalscorer Draper, drove a low shot from outside the box into the corner.

Meanwhile, the musical chairs at the top of the Welsh Premier continued as Prestatyn Town regained the summit with a 3-1 home win over Llanelly.

Bangor City had gone top the night before with a 3-1 home win over 10-man Newtown, while Airbus UK lost ground after losing 2-1 at Carmarthen, who completed a double over the Wingmakers.



TNS player Mike Wilde gets ready to control the ball as Lido's Paul Evans prepares to challenge him. Picture: SIMON WILLIAMS



TNS's Chris Jones tackles Lido's Matthew Thompson in the clash at Park Hall which was won by TNS. Picture: SIMON WILLIAMS

League leaders extend gap at top with 2-0 win

**HIGH-riding LLANRHAEDR RESERVES** extended their lead at the top of the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League division one with a 2-0 success at LLANSANTFFRAID VILLAGE RESERVES.

Boris Martinez and Mike Roberts were on the mark for the league leaders, who are now seven points clear of second placed Waterloo reserves.

**LLANFAIR RESERVES** are up to fourth after winning 5-2 at LLANFECHAIN, with Ashley Davies the star of the show with four of his side's goals while Aled Haynes also found the net.

The home side responded through Lloyd Meredith and Gerald Francis.

**FOUR CROSSES RESERVES** made it a good weekend for the club as they pushed

towards mid-table in the Mitsubishi division two with a 5-1 beating of visiting LLANYMYNECH.

There were two goals apiece from Dan Jay and Michael Cheesman, with Martin Cheesman chipping in with the other, while Mark Humphreys netted a consolation.

**LLANDRINIO** moved top on goal difference as Luke Weaver's strike proved enough to carve a 1-0 home win over Carno reserves.

**GUILDSFIELD RESERVES** are through to third round of the Robins (Newtown FC) League Cup with a 3-1 verdict at CHURCHSTOKE.

Rob Cookson scored twice, Frank Jones also on the mark, while Josh Atherton was on target for Stoke.



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## Goal rush as ladies win again

**OSWESTRY** ladies maintained their winning run in hockey's Cheshire Ladies League division three with a 6-1 romp at Buckley.

Despite not reaching the heights of their opening day 14-1 success against the same opponents, it was still a comfortable win with team manager Tracey Royle scoring four of the goals with Sandra Jones and Sarah Lowe also on target.

They have won all six games to move clear at the top and will be looking for more at home to Winnington Park on Saturday.

**LLANFAIR** Caereinion are second in the North Wales Ladies Hockey League after defeating Dysynni 4-2 with Delyth Astley, Iris Huxley, Debra Barker and Angharad Davies on target. They head to Rhyl on Saturday.

**WELSHPOOL** ladies, due to visit Bangor University this weekend, are fourth with a win and a draw from their opening two games.

**OSWESTRY** men's hopes of pushing higher up the ENEC-G West Midlands League division two suffered a blow as they forced to concede their game at joint leaders Pershore. Tomorrow, they are due to host Barlaston. The second string were 7-1 home winners against Northop Hall in the North Wales League, and they are home to Bangor University this Sunday.

## Appetising ties in cup third round

THE third round of the Central Wales Cup has thrown up some appetising ties.

Llanfair United, going great guns at the top of the Spar Mid Wales League division two, have home advantage against Knighton Town while Guilsfield and Llanrhaeadr are also at home to Berriew and Dyffryn Banw respectively.

Four Crosses entertain Hay St Marys, Welshpool Town take on Carno at Maesdyre, while Llansantffraid visit Talgarth Town. Holders Penrhynoch visit Llanidloes Town.

Full third round draw is: Aberystwyth v Tregaron, Bow Street v Machynlleth or New Quay, Caersŵs v Dolgellau, Cardigan Town or Llanfyllin Town v Bulth Wells, Four Crosses v Hay St Marys, Guilsfield v Berriew, Llan-drindod Wells v Montgomery Town, Llanfair United v Knighton Town, Llanidloes Town v Penrhynoch, Llanrhaeadr v Dyffryn Banw, Presteigne v Aberystwyth University, Rhayader Town v Kerry, Talgarth Town v Llansantffraid, Tywyn Brynau v Rhosgoch, Waterloo Rovers v Newbridge, Welshpool Town v Carno. Ties to be played on Saturday, January 5.

## Waterloo ready for biggest game in their history

**WATERLOO ROVERS** are gearing up for one of the biggest games in the club's history when they entertain high riding Rhyl in the second round of the Welsh Cup on Saturday (2pm).

Dale Roberts' side earned their chance of a crack at the Cymru Alliance leaders with a terrific 5-1 win over Rhydymwyn in the previous round.

It represents a tough challenge for the Spar Mid Wales League division one side against the unbeaten Seaside who have big ambitions of returning to the Welsh Premier next season.

However, backed by an anticipated big crowd, Waterloo are relishing the challenge as they bid to produce another cup upset.

"Saturday will be a great occasion for

Waterloo as we continue our aim to increase the profile of the club," said boss Roberts.

"Obviously we are massive underdogs but we deserve to be in the draw after the win over Rhydymwyn, and we go into the match knowing that we've earned the right to play Rhyl."

"It's one of the biggest fixtures in the club's history and everyone is massively excited to welcome our opponents."

### Defending

Waterloo are looking to bounce back from last Saturday's disappointing 3-2 home loss to high flying Four Crosses which saw them lose ground on the leaders.

"I'm obviously disappointed with Saturday's result," added Roberts.

"I felt we had the better of the first half but let ourselves down in the second with some poor defending and an inability to keep hold of the ball."

"Crosses are a good side but I felt they were there for the taking and we only have ourselves to blame that we came away with nothing."

After their defeat against Aberystwyth University in the Spar Mid Wales League division one, **MONTGOMERY** look to get back on the rails when they host Llandudno Junction in the second round of the Welsh Cup on Saturday (2pm).

Clive McNamee's side will have realistic hope of progressing and boosting their coffers against a Llandudno side who have been struggling this season.

They are currently lying second from bottom in the Welsh Alliance division one, with just one win from 10 outings.

There is plenty of incentive to get through with clubs guaranteed £1,000 for reaching the last 32 while the 12 Welsh Premier clubs join the competition in the next round.

### Winner

Last Saturday, Monty paid the penalty as they went down 3-2 at Aberystwyth University in the Spar Mid Wales League having led 2-0 at half time courtesy of a brace from Tony Meredith.

Spot kicks from Gareth Thomas and Tom Sparks had the students level in the second half before Barney Tierney grabbed the winner.

## Town are ready for big clash

**WELSHPOOL TOWN** are hoping to revive their Spar Mid Wales League division one fortunes when they visit Carno on Saturday.

The sides, paired in the next round of the Central Wales Cup, have endured difficult campaigns, with Pool lying third from bottom and Carno one place above.

After their 3-0 loss at title chasing Llanidloes Town last Friday, the Lilywhites have with just two wins and six points from 13 outings.

The hosts to Maesdyre have just one point more, although they have played four games fewer.

Boss Dave Jones has strengthened his Pool ranks in the last month, and is backing his new-look side to climb the table after good performances in the recent matches against Bulth Wells and Llanidloes.

"If we play like we have done in the last couple of games, then we've got a chance," he said.

## Morda in mood for top dogs

**MORDA UNITED** bid to make up ground on the leading pack in the Mercian Regional League premier division in Saturday's big home clash with leaders Church Stretton (2pm).

The two sides met in the league in south Shropshire a few weeks back, with Morda disappointed to only draw 1-1 against their rivals.

Buoyed by recent creditable displays in cup competitions, including last Saturday's 3-0 win over Whitchurch Alport in the County Cup, they will be keen to go one better this weekend.

The Weston Road men currently trail Stretton by 10 points, but they have four games in hand.

Langushing in the lower reaches of division one, Morda reserves have signed three new players as they bid to revive their fortunes - Jack Morgan, midfielder Nick Jones and striker Mike Beasley. They visit Prees on Saturday.

# SAINTS ARE OUT TO CLIP AIRBUS WINGS

**THE New Saints have a score to settle as they look to bring Airbus UK down to earth in tonight's Welsh Premier League Cup semi-final at Park Hall (7.45pm).**

Having been downed 2-1 by the Wingmakers at the Airfield just two weeks ago to dent their league prospects, the Saints now look to seize their chance of revenge.

With a place in the final at stake, TNS director of football Craig Harrison wants to make up for last season when his side surprisingly went out in the last four stage to Newtown.

Tonight's tussle is a one-off affair, with the Oswestry-based Saints anxious to make home advantage count as they look to set up a final meeting with either Carmarthen or Llanelli.

"Every game we want to win, there are no priorities, and come tonight everyone's going to be up for this cup tie," said Harrison.

"We missed out last year which was disappointing, but we've now got a great opportunity to get into this

by John Bridgwater

season's final, and we want to take it.

"We know all about Airbus, they beat us two weeks ago in the league, but it was a game we did not deserve to lose."

"We played well, had a lot of chances, but unfortunately from our point of view did not take them, while they had three chances, and scored from two of them,

which was disappointing from a defensive point of view. But now we've got a chance to put it right."

The four times winners of the competition have a full squad to choose from, and again look likely to continue their policy of fielding some of their "fringe" players.

Striker Alex Darlington is back in the frame after a shin injury.

Certain to be on the bench is forward Matty Williams, back after being out for the last 11 months with a knee injury which required surgery.

He is likely to be given a run out in the second half.

The Saints go into the game in good heart after moving into joint second spot in the Welsh Premier with last Saturday's workmanlike 2-1 win over basement side Afan Lido.

"It was not a vintage TNS performance, but sometimes you've got to win ugly and a win's a win," added Harrison.

"We played better against Airbus and lost, but that's how it goes sometimes."

"We missed two or three early chances against Lido, had we taken those we would have made life a lot easier for ourselves."

## Llanrhaeadr solve keeper crisis for crunch match

**LLANRHAEDR** boss Dan Stevens is anticipating a tricky tie as his side look to make the third round of the Welsh Cup at the expense of Saturday's visitors Llanrug United (2pm).

The Powys hosts are in the lower regions of the Cymru Alliance after a 3-1 home loss to Buckley last Saturday.

And they know they will be pushed all the way by a Llanrug side in mid-table of the Welsh Alliance division one.

"I would say it is a 50-50 game as there is not a lot of difference between the leagues," said Stevens.

Llanrhaeadr's big concern is over who will play in goal after Connor Lee was sent off last week. His replacement Lee Davies then dislocated his finger, so youngster Jack Matthews will fill the void.

"It's a real headache, but we've managed to sign a goalkeeper from the Welsh system this week," Stevens felt. His side were unlucky to emerge empty handed against Buckley last weekend. "We're not getting our fair share of luck at the moment, we've been on the wrong end of some poor decisions in tight games," he added.

**GUILSFIELD**, who were knocked out of the Welsh Cup by Cymru Alliance rivals Flint in the previous round, have a weekend off.



TNS's Ryan Fraughan, right, tackles Lido's Dean Hudson in the Welsh Premier clash



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